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## Dear Reader,

In January every year, many awards are presented by the Government of India. Army personnel get Chakra awards for bravery; Padma awards are given to persons who have achieved greatness in their respective fields and Arjuna awards are for outstanding sportsmen. Children are not forgotten. This year, bravery awards were presented to 21 children by our Prime Minister. Each awardee had a real life adventure story to tell. For instance Preethy picked up a grenade hurled at her family by a terrorist and threw it far away, to explode without causing any harm to anyone except herself! Preethy still has a splinter embedded in her leg.

Bravery should be applauded; but one should also be cautious. Jumping into a deep lake to save a life when you don't know how to swim is not bravery but foolishness. Jumping on to a moving train or bus may appear to be a brave act but it is extremely dangerous.

# Brave Hearts!



Bravery can be practised without making a fuss about it. To cite an example, if you resist the temptation of seeing your favourite programme on T.V. when you have a test the next day, you are being brave. During exams, the student next to you asks you for an answer and you just don't respond, well that is bravery too! The list can be a long one. Sometimes it requires a lot of courage just to speak the truth! Be a brave heart; but always "look, before you leap!"

- Editor





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We are sure our readers must be enjoying the special issues of Gokulam. We are indeed happy with the overwhelming response to our call for contributions to these issues.

In continuation of the same, we are announcing the topic for the next three months. Our May issue will be devoted to Humour and the June and July issues will be Picture story (you could just send us the stories, we will

work on the pictures) and Friendship Special respectively. Write in relevant contributions and do remember to mark your envelope with the respective topic.

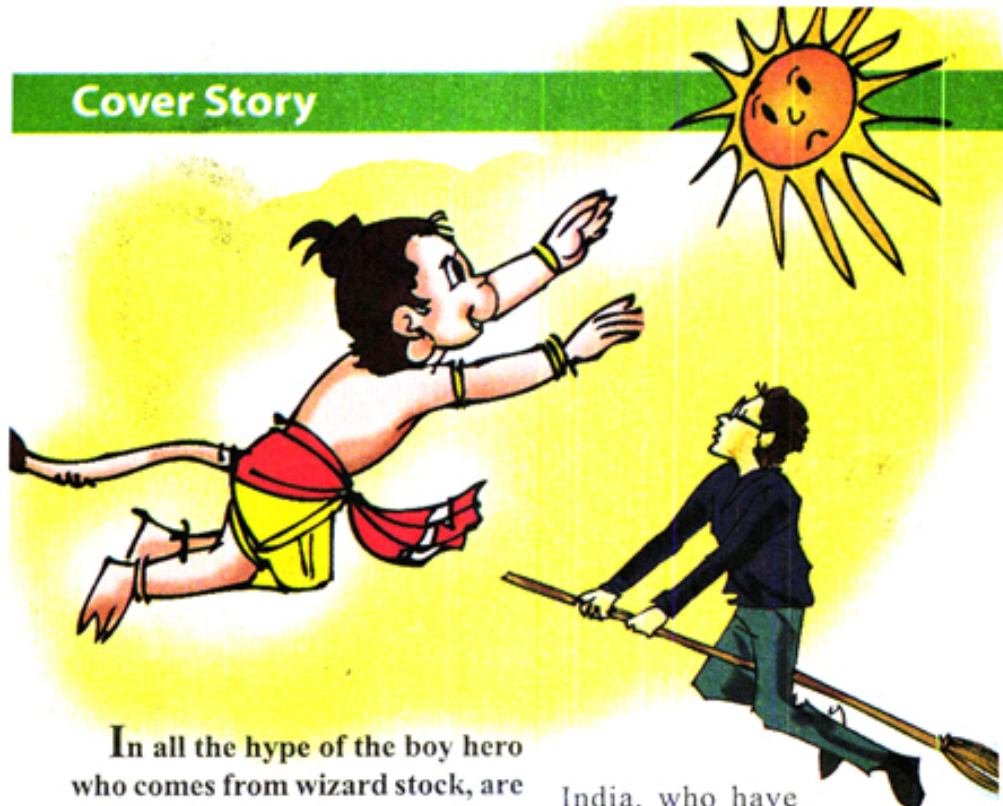
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In all the hype of the boy hero who comes from wizard stock, are we remembering our own mythological stories that are as exciting and just as magical?

Read on to find out more...

### Harry Potter vs Krishna

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone began the mania. All of us ran to grab the sequels, desperately wondering what would happen next in Harry's book. Every new sequel would have fans speculating – would Harry live or would the evil Voldemort have his way. Some children even found the dark imagery scary but for us in

India, who have grown on magical mythology, such imagery is nothing new.

## Where is our own

Why, Krishna, the child hero who during adolescence moves through a magical storyline is our Harry from history. Was Krishna real? Many of us believe he was. Others think that there could have been a Krishna, but some of his exploits have been added on in the story telling tradition that makes heroes out of mortals. Yet



## Potted Histories and Potter



Others think that Krishna is merely the hero of an epic story, playing a starring role in the Mahabharata in the later part of his life.

So Harry had someone who wanted him killed... so did Krishna. Baby Krishna had a tough time

on the other hand, is alarmingly mortal, and it is only chance and good friends who help him on his journey through a rough adolescence and adulthood.



# HARRY POTTER?

Sandhya Sridhar

Dealing with all those plots, starting from the horrific Putana, who appears in the guise of a human woman but who turns out to be a *rakshashi*. Of course, Krishna, it is believed, is a god, and hence his omniscience in dealing with all the evil that came his way. Harry,

### More magical heroes

Then there is Ghatotkacha, the demon or *rakshas* brother of the Pandavas. He is once again a magical figure, but loving and good natured – he is a hero but a sacrificing one,

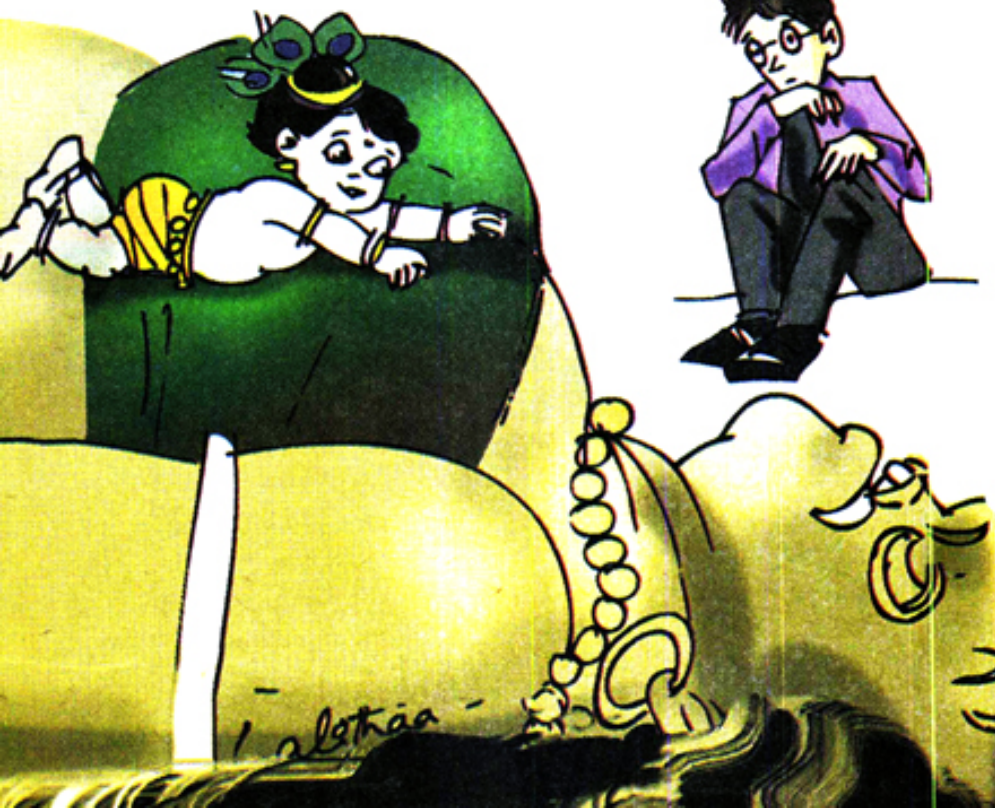
who dies so that Arjuna may live.

What about Hanuman then? Hanuman begins his magical journey as a few months old baby who leaps at the sun thinking it's a ripe mango he can pluck. Son of Vayu, the wind god, this is one hero without whom the Ramayana would have been a complete flop story. Hanuman is a great jolly fun ride, a lovable hero with a great sense of humour. On his way to Lanka, he cunningly and with great dexterity and not little humour, dodges Surasa, the sea monster. At Lanka, he makes a throne of his long, long tail so that he may sit as high as the Lord of

Lanka. When he could not identify the herb *Sanjivani* that would save Lakshmana, he just dislodged the mountain and took it back to the battlefield. How much more magical can a hero get?

### Do we really lack magic?

Magic is an intrinsic part of the storytelling culture in India. Something that is not logical or cannot be explained is given a magical reason. We love the supernatural, we love the things that are not human or that don't seem





deal. That's why we have so many stories replete with ghosts, ghouls, fairies, djinns and what not.

### **So what's special about Harry?**

For most of us children, stories that have been handed down as part of our culture is mostly that – they are (as we are told) special stories about our gods and goddesses, that are somehow connected to our spirituality or ancient ways of life. Most of these stories are not set in the here and now, in the context of our every day lives as we understand it. That's where Harry is making a difference.

Harry seems like one of us – the story could happen to one of us or so we can imagine. His story is set in the present, and connects with life as we know it now – a life that has buses, trains, newspapers, boarding schools – and that's how Harry Potter has managed to connect with each and every reader.

Harry became a character we could talk about, want to empathise with and understand. Even his school friends are familiar – his school is multi cultural as well, the Patel twins are of Indian origin. All



the more does it seem that this is a story that could happen and may be happening to some child somewhere.

### **Then, will we have our own Harry Potter?**

We are not sure. You cannot have another book series set in India that copies the same concept. And besides, we have our fill of magical stories in such a way that it is hard to imagine something that would beat them.

Or, will some writer prove to be contrary and create a plot or character that would beat Harry Potter in imagination and scope? You never know...

**I** am a regular reader of Gokulam. I have improved my spoken English and have also gained a lot of knowledge. I am happy that I have got a friend to whom I can write to. Thank you Gokulam!

**- Aspruha Swain, Std.IX, DAV Public School, Burla, Orissa**

**D**ear Gokulam, thanks a lot for providing us with loads of information and improving our knowledge. I really love solving Pyramid Puzzle.

**- G.Srilakshmi, Std.VII, SVS High School, Trichy**

**G**okulam is an amazing magazine for children. I never miss even a single issue. My favourites are Cook it Up and Hi-Five. I want a pen friend.

**- S.Rajeswari, Std.VIII, KV- 1, Puducherry**

*(Dear Rajeswari, do send us your complete details along with your age, residential address and hobbies for publishing in the Hi-Five section. We are sure you will meet a lot of new friends through this column.*

**- Editor)**

**I** am an ardent fan of Gokulam. I love Billu and Grandmaworm. The

'Tom and Jerry' poster in the December issue was fantastic. really thank the Gokulam team for bringing out such a valuable magazine. Will you publish some articles about Harry Potter and Shakespeare?

**- Kajel Bhavani.S, Std.VIII Maharishi Vidhya Mandir Hosu**

*(Dear Kajel, we are sure you must be enjoying this issue – Editor)*

**G**okulam is a fantastic magazine for children from all over the world.

*A Treasure*

I myself am from Sri Lanka. I would like to know if I can participate in the competitions or is it only for Indian children?

**- Claudia Vinotheeba Reginald Std.IX, Good Shepherd Convent Colomb**

*(Dear Claudia, you are most welcome to participate in all the competitions. Just ensure that you send us a local (Indian) address.*

**-Editor,**

**I** have been reading Gokulam for



the past few months. It is a treasure chest of knowledge, filled with jokes, facts, articles and stories. I just love it! Could you please make it a weekly?

-Kanishka Ganerwal,  
Std.VI,  
Chaitanya  
Vidyalaya,  
Hyderabad

I am a regular reader of Gokulam and have not missed a single issue since August 2007. Can I send information about English grammar and composition?

- Deeba.Z.Lari, Std.X,  
M.B.Convent High  
School, Nagpur  
*(Dear Deeba, if your article is informative and well written, we will definitely publish it in our 'Language Corner' section.*

- Editor)

Reading Gokulam regularly has improved my vocabulary. Do we get certificates for participating in Budding Bards and Jokes?

- Dhananjay, Std.VI,  
KV-1, Hubli

*(Dear Dhananjay, you will definitely get a participation certificate if your joke or poem is published in Gokulam. But for that you need to send your complete residential address, and not forget it like you have for this letter!*

- Editor)

Thank you for publishing my article in the February issue. I showed it to my teachers and they appreciated me a lot. Seeing this, many of my friends have now decided to write to Gokulam. Thank you Gokulam for making me famous in my class.

- Akshay Bhardwaaj, Std.VIII,  
Jaigopal Garodia Hindu  
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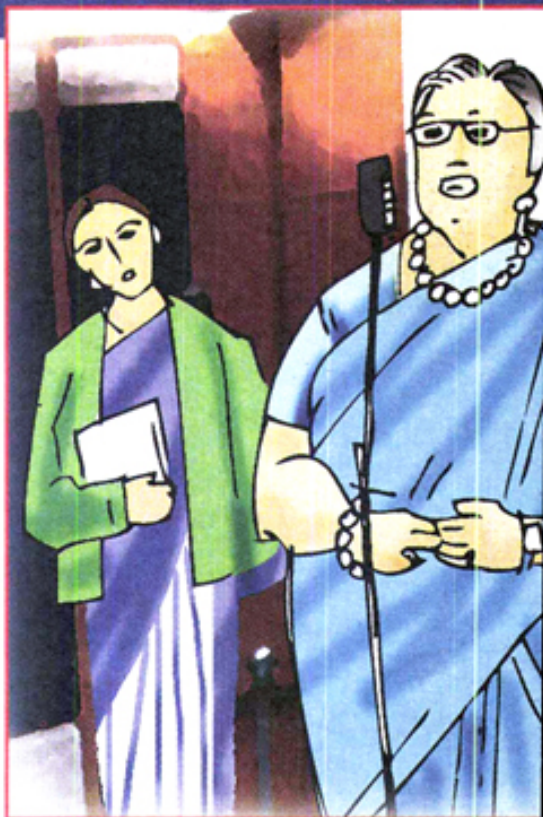
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## CHAPTER TWO

### Story so far :

Padmalakshmi, a small town school girl makes her entry in to 'Misty Heights', a premier boarding school. She is awestruck by the sheer size of her new school and also by the chief warden, Miss Patricia. Mrs.Venkataraman, her mother, is not too happy with Miss Patricia's attitude but Padmalakshmi manages to convince her. She also strikes an instant friendship with Maumita, her room mate. Now, read on...

It was the first day at school and the freshers had to get together at the assembly where they were to meet their principal and teachers. Over breakfast the girls got to interact with other newcomers though they couldn't talk much due to Miss Patricia's presence. Soon, the group proceeded out of their block towards the assembly hall. Padma tried to spot Harish, but in vain. They hastened to the hall and seated themselves as the teachers entered and took their positions on the dais. Finally the head of the school, the principal, Madam Garibaldi, walked in. She took her place on the dais, looking huge and imposing, at the same time



exuding a quiet dignity. The entire audience waited with bated breath to hear her inaugural address.

“My dear girls and boys,” he imposing voice roared, “Welcome to Misty Heights! This school is not only about better grades and success in academics and sports. It’s an institution where you are groomed to become better men and women, better individuals of the society. And above all, you will learn to be disciplined, organized and independent. We are





indeed fortunate to have dedicated teachers who have ingrained a set of values into our children, over the years. Let me introduce these wonderful people to you."

"Edwina Thomas - English;

Miss Piklington - Art and Craft,"

And as the teachers stood up on stage, the children greeted them enthusiastically.

"Oh, they seem to be very strict," the boy standing next to Padma whispered. "except Miss Pickle Sickle."

"Oh, you mean, the Art teacher, Miss Piklington?" Padma turned to glance at her fellow newcomer. "I think I'm going to like her," she added. "Art is my favourite subject."

"Oh, then we share something in common," the boy whispered back. "I like cartooning."

"You look like one too," Padma teased good naturedly.

The boy smiled, "I

# MISTY HEIGHTS

Geeta Canpadee

Rubaina Ahmed - Hindi;

Professor Mani - Math;

Promilla - Social/ Environmental

Studies;

Mr. Rodrigues - Sports and P.T;

Mademoiselle Totou - Foreign

languages;

Prof. Ramakanth - Science;

am Siddharth

Shankar Gautam. Just Sid, for friends."

"And I am Padmalakshmi Venkataraman and you can call me Padma, and this is Maumita Banerjee, just Mau" she added.

"Now each one of you will pick a

card to choose your house," boomed the principal's voice. "We have four houses – 'Sapphire, Emerald, Ruby and Pearl' and you will represent the same in all cultural, sports and academic events."

The children eagerly proceeded towards the big box in front of the diaz to pick their cards. Mau and Sid both got the red card for Ruby House while Padma got the green one for Emerald.

"Hey, you left us behind," came the mock accusing voice of a couple of boys.

"Mau, Padma, meet my friends, Sadil Kureshi, alias Sad, and Badri Narayan Sharma, yes, you guessed it right - Bad! The three musketeers of Misty Heights!" Sid announced.

"But hey, we need to go slow for

the time being," Sadil cautioned rather sensibly, "or else we will be in trouble with the seniors. Sapphire!" he declared glancing at the blue card.

"Same here!" exclaimed Badri.

Just then he noticed Padma who seemed a little disappointed with her card. He quickly turned to the group of boys behind him and announced,

"Hey, is anyone there willing to exchange Sapphire for Emerald?" and he waved his blue card in the air. There was one boy ready for the exchange and Padma couldn't help nodding her head in gratitude.

Next, they proceeded to find their classes on the second floor. To their joy the five friends were all in the same class and section. The first period was English, and Edwina Thomas decided

to go easy on the first day and had an interactive session with her new batch of students. The students took to her immediately.

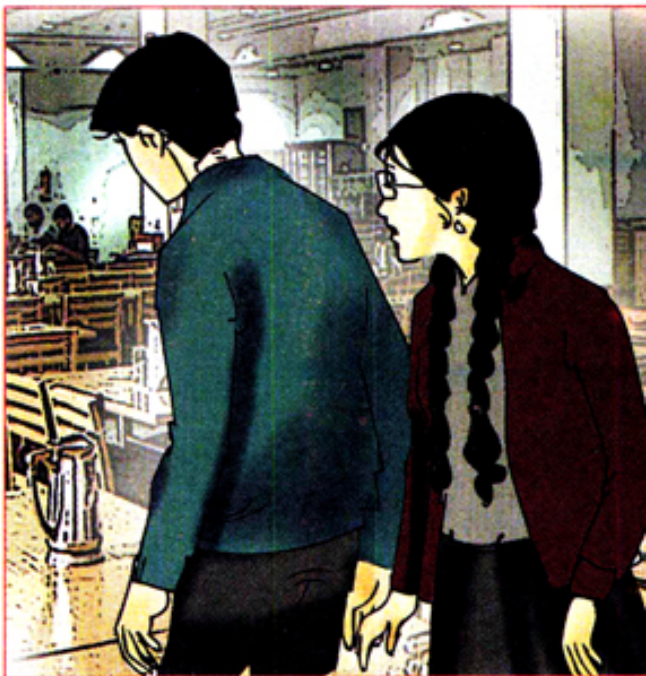
"We will have a story session tomorrow. I want each of you to come up with an amusing tale. Your time limit is five minutes and the best story is going





to win a prize from me," was her parting shot.

Next was Professor Mani's turn, their maths teacher who was as sharp and to the point as the subject itself. His expectation from his students was set right from the beginning; he wanted them to be quicker and accurate than a calculator and a computer! And by the time the bell rang for lunch they had enough of memorizing the history dates, courtesy Miss Promilla - B.A History, M.A Archeology & Phd - Anthropology, Phew! Quite a mouthful!



"Grr!" Sid growled as the five friends walked out of the class to the common dining hall. "Another session on those dead pharaohs and I'm going to ask her to mummify me first."

"Can't they all be like Edwina Thomas?" Badri added. "I liked her the moment she walked in."

"Me too," Sadil added. "She has a very pleasing personality."

"Uhum..Uhum..." Mau pretended to cough as a warning. "Careful boy, she may not appreciate such attention."

"Who knows, she may turn out to be a terror someday," Padma added.

"With a math maniac like Mani, I'm sure to be at the bottom in numbers," Sid sighed.

"Don't worry, I can help you with that," Badri patted him. "Maths is my favourite subject. Infact, I have constantly won the top award in Math Olympiads at my old school in Rampur."

"Ah, there goes our *pandit*," Sadil pulled his leg. "We know now who to catch hold of to solve our problems."

"Definitely, it'll be my pleasure to help my friends," Badri responded, unaware that they were pulling his leg. "Infact, at my school in Rampur, I used to ...." and before he could proceed further with his flash back memoirs, the two boys cut him off.

"Sure, you can tell us all about it during lunch," they laughed as they



entered the dining hall.

Padma craned her neck to see if she could spot Harish, and when she finally did, she couldn't contain her excitement. He was sitting at the far end of the fifth row, chatting with the boys next to him. She waved her hands excitedly but the older boy pretended not to notice her. Just as she was about to yell at the top of her voice, Sid stopped her.

"Hey what are you doing?" he questioned "You are not supposed to approach the seniors unless they summon you first."

"What nonsense, Harish is my childhood friend," Padma replied animatedly. "I've been trying spot him since yesterday."

"Maybe he will come to meet you after a few days," Bad pointed out carefully. "You can't blame him; he has

to go with his peers, and mind it, you will be doing the same next year."

"Never!" Padma vowed. "Never will I act so mean."

Meanwhile the seniors who were through with their meal came near them.

"You will be meeting us at the sports room for a *tete-a-tete* after your classes," they ordered brusquely and walked away. Harish was amongst them, and he too looked went out without a second look at Padma. The slighted girl decided she would call her mother that very evening who would inturn inform Pankajam auntie next door about her son's unforgivable behaviour.

The others however didn't mind their seniors' attitude. Infact, they all looked forward to some great fun and excitement.

(To be continued)



## Subscriber's Corner

There is no greater friend than a book, said the chief guest Justice K.Chandru, who inaugurated the library.

The students of Vidyaniketan School, whom he addressed, beamed back smiles of approval. They knew only too well how much they loved and longed for books to read.

The dynamic management of Vidyaniketan Matriculation Higher Secondary School at Ashok Nagar, Chennai, recently converted one of its large rooms into a beautiful library. This was inaugurated on 23rd January with a keynote address by the judge and speeches by Dr. Balaji Sampath, (Secretary Aid India) as well as Mr. D. Ramachandran, Secretary Madras Youth Choir, who also trained the students in choir music. There was an inspiring presentation by the school choir too! The correspondent Dr. Radha Vasudevan thanked the guests and the school management

for introducing many interesting projects live field trips, computer training, activity based learning, etc. which made school so much more enjoyable for the students.

The icing on the cake...? A gift of 96 individual subscriptions of



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## More about HP



### I. Match the chapters with their respective books :

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The rogue bludger         | a) Order of Phoenix    |
| 2. The midnight duel         | b) Deathly Hallows     |
| 3. Padfoot returns           | c) Chamber of Secrets  |
| 4. The centaur and the sneak | d) Prisoner of Azkaban |
| 5. Hermione's secret         | e) Goblet of Fire      |
| 6. The other minister        | f) Half-blood Prince   |
| 7. Kreacher's tale           | g) Philosopher's Stone |

### II. Match the HP stars with their characters :

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Alan Rickman         | a) Bellatrix Lestrange |
| 2. Emma Watson          | b) Snape               |
| 3. Evanna Lynch         | c) Voldemort           |
| 4. Ralph Fiennes        | d) Draco Malfoy        |
| 5. Tom Felton           | e) Hermione            |
| 6. Maggie Smith         | f) Luna Lovegood       |
| 7. Helena Bonham Carter | g) McGonagall          |

- J. Vishnu, Std. XI,  
Sunbeam MHSS, Vellore

Answers : I) 1-c, 2-g, 3-e, 4-a, 5-d, 6-f, 7-b  
II) 1-b, 2-e, 3-f, 4-c, 5-d, 6-g, 7-a

# HP Match



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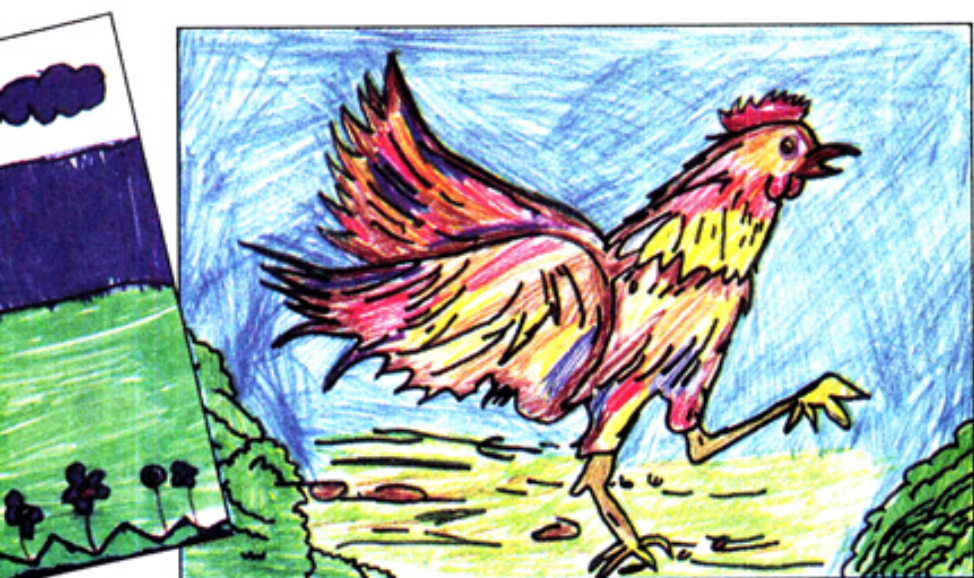
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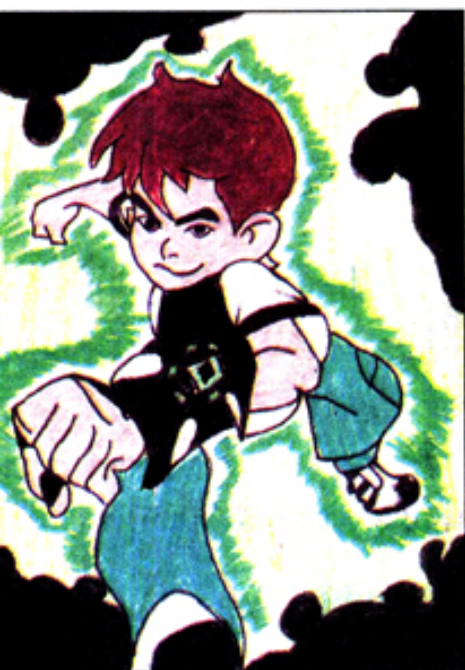
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## Cook it Up!

**Pumpkin Juice**, a favourite with the students of Hogwarts, can now be made at home. Just follow the recipe and your juice is ready! Three cheers to Harry Potter!

### Ingredients:

Pumpkin chunks - 2 cups

Cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg (ground into powder) - 1 tsp.

### Method :

Take the pumpkin pieces and grind them in a juicer. Now add the apple and pine apple chunks and grind well. You could add some water to the fruit pieces while grinding.

After the fruits blend well, add

# Pumpkin Juice

honey and blend again thoroughly. Add powdered spices. Your Hogwart pumpkin juice is ready!

Serve with ice cubes in a tall glass.

- Nanditha Ravindar,  
Std.XII,  
Leo MHSS,  
Chennai

Apple Cubes

- 4 cups

Pineapple Cubes

- 1 cup

Honey - 1 tbsp







Given below are a few basic HP facts for your quick reference:

**Hogwarts Express :** The train starting from platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$ , which transports Hogwarts students.

**The Chamber of Secrets :** The underground chamber built by Salazar Slytherin, the huge deadly snake, and whose entrance can only be opened by the true heir of Slytherin.

**The Owlery :** The place where all the owls of the Hogwarts students live.

**The Whomping Willow :** The ferocious tree at Hogwarts which has a mind of its own and a very fierce temper.

**Wand :** The magical instrument to cast spells.

**Cauldron :** A round, saucer shaped utensil used for making potions.

**Dumbledore's Army :** The secret society formed by Harry and his friends to learn proper defence against 'dark arts'.

**The Room of Requirement :** A special room on the seventh floor of Hogwarts which takes any form requested by the students.

**Quidditch :** The game of the magic world played on broom sticks.

Each team has seven members.

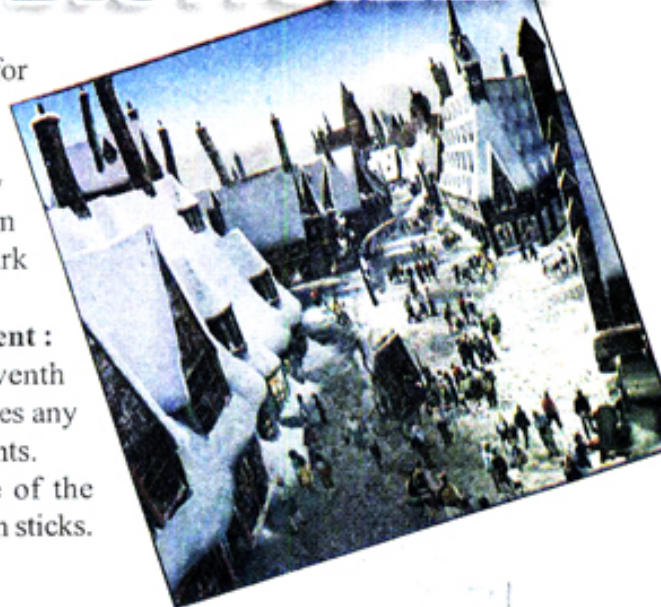
**Hogsmeade :** The village near Hogwarts where students spend their weekends. It is the only settlement to be solely occupied by magical beings.

**Triwizard Tournament :** The wizard tournament between the three magic schools – Hogwarts, Durmstrang, Beauxbatons.

- Sulekha, Std.IX,

The Vikasa School, Tuticorin

# THE HP DICTIONARY



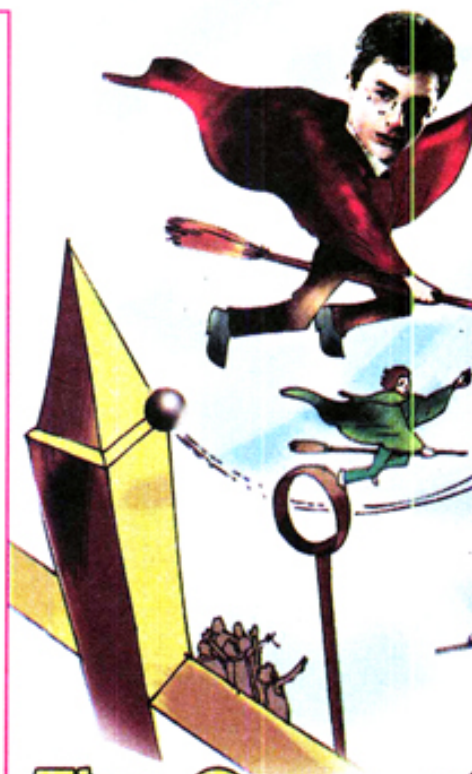
# My Favourite Author

Travelling in a world of fantasy  
Riding on a broom,  
J.K.Rowling takes us on a  
magic journey

With a bang and boom!  
Chases, duels, mystery, adventure  
Incantations, wands and spells,  
She makes our imagination run wild  
With twists you can never tell!  
With parchment, quills, potions  
and cauldrons

She created Harry Potter's world,  
A story so amazing as that  
Was never before told!  
The story of a boy so bold  
Who stood up against Voldemort,  
Fiction at its outrageous best  
Will surely stand time's test!

- Harshitha.H, Std.IX,  
G.D. MHSS, Coimbatore



## The Game of Quidditch

Quidditch is the name  
Of that wizarding game,  
Chasers, beaters, keepers and seekers  
Are the principal players,  
High up goes the big red Quaffle  
Which the chasers have to tackle,  
The big, black bullying bludgers



players of Quidditch!  
- Sreeparvathi, Std.X,  
Chinmaya Vidyalaya,  
Canannore

# My Wonderful Dream

**F**eeling bored and at a loose end  
Yesterday night I went to Hogwarts,  
I turned around and saw Harry Potter  
Oh! Wow, he was much taller!

I went to stand near him  
He turned around and gave me a grin,  
Together we walked and a lot we talked  
Had fun, joked and laughed!

We took Mr. Weasley's car  
And drove to Hogsmeade for a chocolate bar,  
But that was not the end of it  
We crashed the car, on a tree we hit!

Suddenly I woke up with a  
terrified look

And found myself surrounded by  
history books,  
Then I realized that it was all a dream  
But, oh! What a wonderful scene!

- Shiny Nivya, Std.IX,  
The Vikasa School, Tuticorin



**Father :** Why are you carrying your note books to the terrace?

**Son :** I am going to do my 'Higher Studies'!

- Abhishek.R, Std.VIII,  
KV - 1, Panambur,  
Mangalore

**Mano :** I don't think my mother knows much about children.

**Shalu :** Why do you say so?

**Mano :** She puts me to bed when I am wide awake and wakes me up when I am asleep!

- R.Sadhvika, Std.IX,  
Crea Children's Academy  
Matriculation School,  
Trichy

**Teacher :** Anil, what is the chemical formula for water?

**Anil :** H I J K L M N O

**Teacher :** Why are you reciting the alphabets?

**Anil :** But you taught me that the chemical formula for water is H to O!

- N.Adaikkappan,  
Std.IX, DPS,  
Bengalooru

**Teacher :** Children, I want you to answer at once to all my questions. Is that clear?

**Students :** Yes ma'm.

**Teacher :** Ok, how much is eighty divided by ten?

**Students :** At once!

- K.Adithi Std.VIII, Ryan  
International School, Navi  
Mumbai

**Ram :** Sonu, how did you get that swelling on your nose?

**Sonu :** I was smelling a brose.

**Ram :** There is no 'b' in rose.

**Sonu :** There was a 'bee' in this rose!

- Sanket Mishra, Std.VI,  
SBOA School, Chennai



# FIND THE DIFFERENCES



Answers : 1.Sunrays 2.Girl's cap 3.Bag 4.Clouds 5.Girl

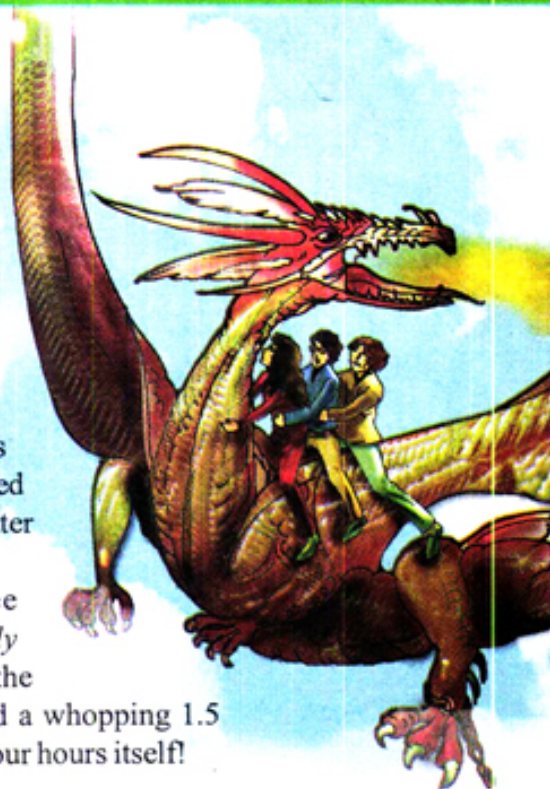
**'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows'** is the seventh and final Harry Potter novel by British author J.K.Rowling. This book was released on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2007, thus ending the extremely popular series that began in 1997 with the publication of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. This novel deals with the long awaited confrontation between Harry Potter and Lord Voldemort.

Released in ninety three countries, '*HP and the Deathly Hallows*' broke sales records as the fastest selling book ever. It sold a whopping 1.5 crore copies in the first twenty-four hours itself!

This book has also been translated into various languages including Hindi. This novel also

won several awards including the "2008 Colorado Blue Spruce Book Award", and the "Best Book for Young Adults" by the American Library Association. It is also being made into a two part film, with part one due for release in November 2010.

The story starts with Harry's departure from the Dursleys. The Order of the Phoenix arrives secretly at Privet Drive to escort Harry. Unfortunately Snape discovers their plan and the Death Eaters attack them. Next, Harry arrives at the wedding of Ron's brother Bill. Harry, Ron and Hermione receive the magical gifts left to them by Dumbledore. According to Dumbledore's will, Harry receives the golden snitch, Ron gets the



# HARRY POTTER



## Book Review



deluminator and Hermione is given a magic book. These gifts prove to be very useful to them, later in the story. They are faced with a Death Eater attack at the end of the wedding and take refuge at Sirius Black's house. Here, Harry manages to secure the loyalty of Kreacher, the house elf, and gains information about the Slytherin locket. The three friends then break into the Ministry of Magic to obtain the locket. This event is really exciting to read.

Then comes the fight between the friends, due to which Ron leaves them. Fortunately for Harry and Hermione, he returns at the right moment to save them from the Horcrux. The story progresses and hidden secrets are uncovered. The most interesting revelation is the reality of Severus Snape, whose mind Harry is able to read after Snape's death. The story leads towards the climax in which Harry destroys all the Horcruxes along with himself and plays dead

# nd the DEATHLY HALLOWS

till he reaches Hogwarts. He awakens to fight the final duel with Lord Voldemort and kills him in a grand climax.

The epilogue is set nineteen years later in which Harry is married to Ginny Weasley and has two children. Ron and Hermione too are married; and the story ends at King's Cross station where the next generation boards the train to Hogwarts, the very same Hogwarts express in which Harry started his first journey.

- Utpanna Hota, Std.VIII, DAV Public School, Bhubaneswar



*Why do some Indians have coloured eyes like blue, brown or green?*

**- P.Mridula, Std.I,  
PSBB School, Chennai**

The colour of our eye is determined by 'genetic' factor. Though the usual colour of the Indian eye is black, some of us do have coloured eyes. This colour is decided by genes as well as race. If a person's eyes are blue or brown, somebody in his or her family (mostly one of the parents) would also have had the same trait. The melanin content in the iris of the eyes also determines its colour.

*My mother advises me to*

*eat three almonds (badams) on empty stomach, every morning. She says that this will help us to stay fit and also improve our concentration power. Is this true?*

**- H.Shilpa, Std.VII,  
Angappa CBSE School,  
Coimbatore**

This is not true. There was some news earlier that almonds help the heart by lowering cholesterol. However the research finding has not been substantiated (unlike the

# BLACK





finding that tea – especially green tea – dilates the blood vessels in the heart and thus helps in free flow of blood, which has been well proved). However eating almonds is harmless and a handful of almonds are definitely better than a packet of chips/ biscuits!

*I have the habit of reading for hours together. Though I have good eye sight at present, I am scared that progressively my eyes*



## AND BLUE!

*may become weak, and I may have to wear spectacles. Can you suggest any exercise and diet to maintain good eyesight?*

**- Rushab.R. Bhandari,  
Ranebennur, Karnataka**

There is no specific diet to maintain good eyesight. Any balanced diet will help the whole body, including eyes. Perhaps you may be surprised to know that even carrots are not very helpful to the eyes! Of course, if there is a deficiency of vitamin A in our body, carrots do help.

Follow these steps to maintain

good eyesight :

Do not read continuously for long hours. The more our eyes have to stare at closer objects, the more the eye muscles get fatigued. Eye relaxation techniques should be applied. Maintain good reading habits. Make it a point not to read for more than forty five minutes. For every five minutes of reading, look at a distant object, preferably some greenery. Frequently blink your eyes. Reading of every two lines requires at least one blink. Wash your eyes often with cold water. Aurobindo Ashram at Puducherry

have published a booklet "Eyesight without glasses", which is very useful to maintain good eyesight.

***I have lots of pimples on my face. I have tried various ayurvedic medicines and herbal methods to reduce them but to no avail. Please suggest a way to get rid of my pimples.***

- Anjana Ganesh, Std.VIII, ITI Central School, Bengalooru

Keep your skin dry and oil free. Wash your face with ordinary soap two to three times a day. Splash cold water on your face atleast eight to ten times in a day. Do regular



exercises. Sweating will push out dirt. It is a natural cleansing method. Take more fresh fruits and cut down on the three C's chocolates, cream (found in cakes and ice cream) and cola (Coke, Pepsi, etc). Your skin condition will definitely improve.

***I am a student of class ten and want to score good marks. I sleep very early and get up quite early too. In fact, I am up by one 'o' clock! My parents are against my study timings and feel that keeping awake at odd hours will affect my brain. Are they correct? Do clarify.***

- Supraja.G, Std.X, CEOA School, Madurai

Your parents are right. Avoid reading at odd ours. Our body needs seven hours sleep daily.

Do not change your sleep pattern frequently. You should be in bed by 9 'O' clock. You could get up early, may be by 5 'O' clock. Our body has to follow the biological clock. Straining too much affects our memory too. Hard work is very important, but not at wrong hours.





## HP Spellathon



Give the anti spell for the following :

1. Levicorpus
2. Engorgio
3. Stupefy
4. Sonorus
5. Lumos

- Shailaja.S, Std.XI,  
S.B.A.M.S., Bengalooru

Answers : 1. Libera corpus,  
2. Reductio, 3. Enervate, 4. Quiclus,  
5. Nox

**HP** novels are filled with spells for all situations. Try and find the correct spells for the following:

- 1) A spell to make teeth grow at an alarming rate
- 2) A spell used to make bandages appear out of thin air
- 3) This spell opens the one eyed witch passage to honeydukes
- 4) This one fills the ears of everyone nearby with an unidentifiable buzzing
- 5) A spell used to trap and tie up the enemy with ropes
- 6) A spell used to make fiery writing in midair
- 7) This spell makes the object move in the direction of the wand
- 8) The spell to conjure the 'Dark Mark'
- 9) A spell which makes blood spurt out of the face and chest of a person
- 10) A spell used to repel water

Answers : 1. Densaugco, 2. Ferula,  
3. Dissendium, 4. Muffliato,  
5. Incarcerous, 6. Flagrate,  
7. Mobilicorpus, 8. Morsmordre,  
9. Sectumsempra, 10. Impervius

# Learn to 'Spell'



**A** lion's tongue is very rough, and it can lick the skin right off our body!

The evergreen olive tree grows to a height of 15 metres, and can live upto 500 years!

- M.Rahul, Std.V, Bengalooru

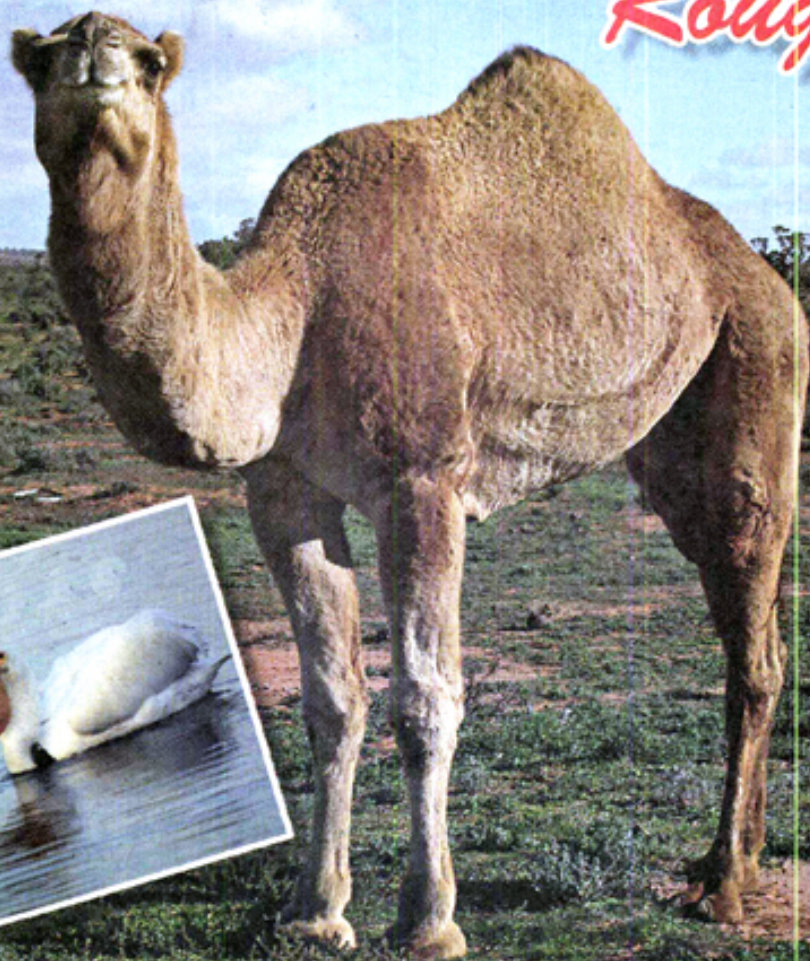
**A** goldfish will lose its colour if kept in a dark room for a long period of time.

- Rajeshwari Kamath, Std, IV,  
DAV Public school, Pune



*Rough*

**Camel -  
'Ship of  
the  
Desert'**





No two tigers have the same pattern of stripes.

- A.Aswin Vayiravan, Std.XI,  
TVS MHSS, Madurai

The elephant is the only mammal at cannot jump.

- Abhinav Iyer, Std.III,  
Navarachna School, Baroda

# ed Tough

In 56 days, a silkworm eats 5,000 times its own weight!

The only animal that cannot swim is the emel.

- S.Sai Shweta, Std.VIII,  
RSK HSS, Trichy

The pelican uses the pouch under its lower beak for catching fish. It does this by swooshing into the water and scooping up as many fish as possible.

The heaviest fish ever caught was the ocean sunfish in Japan. The fish weighed nearly 2000 kgs!

- Jeswin Jose, Std.IV,  
AECS - 4, Mumbai

Asiatic Lion



Ocean Sunfish



Hungry Silkworms



Royal Bengal Tiger



It was the day before my birthday. I went with my parents to watch the movie 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets'. Being a great fan of Harry Potter, I enjoyed the movie a lot. After the movie, I went home while my parents went to shop for my birthday party to be held the next day. They planned

# 'Potter'

## SNOWY'S DAY OUT

It was Sunday, the day of the competition.... not for me but for my pet dog. The Blue Cross had organized 'The dog show with a difference'. I decided to take my grandfather's pet mongrel Snowy to the show. Snowy had been a part of our lives for the past four years. And now the time had come to show off his skills to the whole world. I was excited and nervous too.

I reached the venue with Snowy. My aunty, who was a great animal lover, accompanied us. At the

entrance we had to enter all the details after which we were allotted registration numbers. A number of chairs were arranged on the ground and all the pet owners sat on the chairs along with their pets. We had to wait till the judges called for us. We were given piping hot *samosas* to munch on and lime juice to drink. Snowy was nervous at first to see a large number of dogs around him but slowly he settled down. Finally, it was our turn to face the judges. Ms.Sivasankari, the renowned Tamil writer and Mr.Raghav, the actor were the judges. They asked me about



to buy the items needed for the party like balloons, decorations and snacks. They also decided to order for the cake. In my heart of hearts, I was wishing for all the HP merchandise which had flooded the market but I did not ask for those.

On the D-day, all my friends came over and greeted me and gave me a lot of gifts. We all enjoyed the party. After sometime my parents came over and gave

me my gift. And when I opened it, it was a real surprise. There was a HP watch, HP pencil box and the best gift of all...all the seven Harry Potter novels! I was extremely thrilled and overjoyed. It was indeed an unforgettable birthday as all my wishes had come true. I really want to thank my parents for fulfilling all my dreams.

- S.B.Swetha Akshita,  
Std.VII,  
St. Francis School,  
Bengalooru

# Gifts

Snowy and I answered with pride and joy. After our session, we walked around the ground. There were thirty cute little puppies put up for adoption.

The prizes were announced a while later. There were prizes for 'Curliest Tail', 'Waggiest Tail' and 'Naughtiest Dog'. All the participants were given a complimentary packet of dog biscuit, a soap and vitamin tablets. Though my pet did not win any prize, both of us enjoyed a lot as it was

Snowy's first day out!

- Meshak Ranjitsingh, Std.IX,  
Lady Andal School, Chennai



Ramki

Rumours have swirled, now the truth is revealed! At last we 'muggles' have a chance to enter the magical world of Harry Potter. Universal Orlando is building a new themed island, the 'Wizarding World of Harry Potter'.

Harry Potter is the hero of J.K. Rowling's phenomenally successful book series, which made kids read, read and read! Her books have been translated into 65 languages with millions of copies sold worldwide. The movies based on the books have grossed more than \$3.5 billion.

On September 15, 2009, Warner Brothers and Universal held a press conference to announce that the

videos. This is the first major news regarding the park since May 30th, 2007, when plans for the park were originally revealed.

**Basic Facts :**

• **Opening :** Spring 2010

• **Location :**

Orlando, Florida -  
Universal Studios  
- 'Islands of  
Adventure'

• **Projected**

**Cost :** \$235 -  
\$265 million.

*Islands of  
Adventure*, one of  
the two theme

## Wizarding World of

# Harry Potter

*Wizarding World of Harry Potter* will be thrown open to the general public in Spring 2010 in Florida, USA. They also revealed the names of their rides, stores, shops and other attractions and also released tons of concept art and several promotional

parks at Universal Orlando is currently made up of five 'themed' islands. A 20-acre 'Potter Island' will partly take some area from the 'Lost Continent' island, and the rest from employee parking. At 20 acres.





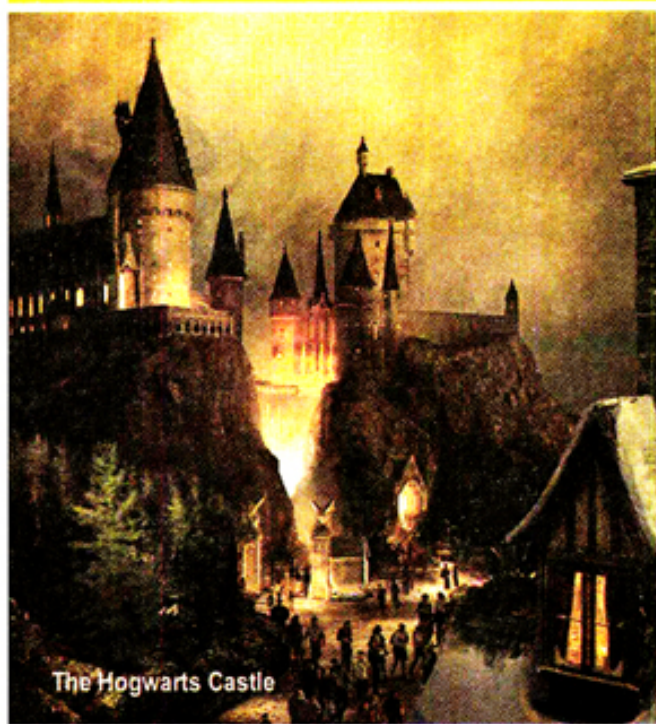
## Land Ahoy!

the *Wizarding World* would be really big!

What will the “Wizarding World” be like?

Universal's aim is to create a

Academy award winning production designer Stuart Craig who has worked in all the Harry Potter films,



The Hogwarts Castle

is leading the creative design team.

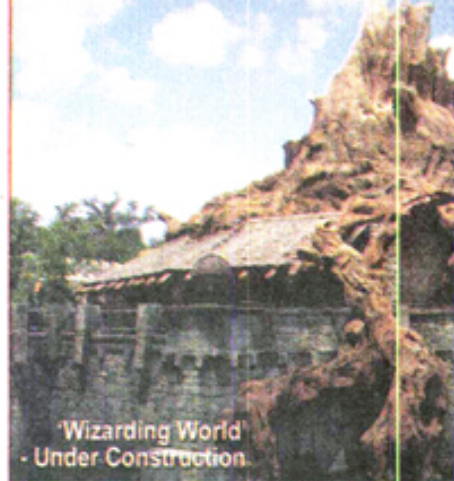
Some attractions will be reconstructed, while others will be brand new. According to certain news reports there will be at least one new 'state-of-the-art' attraction, probably using robotic arms to give passengers a

mind blowing experience for all Potter fans. Iconic locations such as 'Hogwarts Castle, the Forbidden Forest, and Hogsmeade Village' will serve as backdrops to rides, attractions, shops and restaurants.

flying car ride.

Potter fans all over the world are eagerly awaiting this theme park and hopefully the results will be worth the wait. Never before has a theme park been under such pressure to get

everything perfectly right. Harry Potter fans have strong feelings about all things related to HP and are expected to be highly critical of mistakes, if any. Universal Orlando knows this, and to quote its President Bill Davis, "We do have a responsibility to all the fans out there in the world who have followed the Harry Potter saga through the films and the books. We're going to be true to the books and the films, and make sure that when people come here they're going to be very, very happy with what they see." Exclusive talent, great expertise, tons of money



and a lot of time is being devoted to create a 'never before seen' magical world.

And the Queen herself, (J.K.

## Special attractions planned for the WIZARDING World of HP:

### Adventure and Rides

#### Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey

This will take passengers on a simulated flying ride, either in a flying car or aboard a flying broomstick for a game of *Quidditch*.

#### Dragon Challenge

Islands of Adventure's existing dual track racing coaster, '*Dueling Dragons*', will be redesigned with the addition of new elements such as *Potter's Triwizard Tournament*.

#### Flight of the Hippogriff

The *Flying Unicorn* family coaster ride will get a Potter

makeover and you will find it soaring above the grounds of Hogwarts castle!

### Dining

#### Three Broomsticks

This restaurant will feature typical British fare.

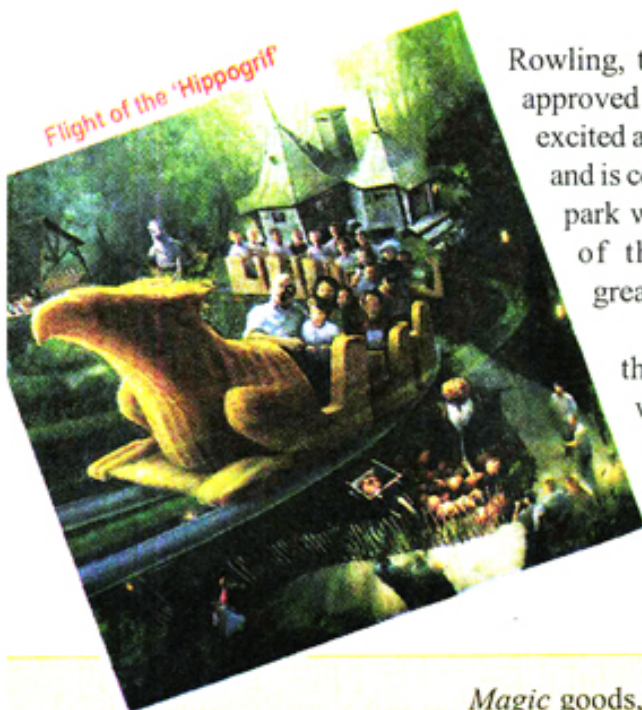
#### Hog's Head

Adjoining *Three Broomsticks* will be this British pub that will offer Butterbeer and Pumpkin juice, Hogwarts's favourite drinks.

#### Honeydukes

You could head towards this restaurant for exclusive HP dessert such as '*Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans*' and '*Chocolate Frogs*'.





Rowling, that is!) has seen and approved the plans. She is quite excited about the whole project and is confident that the theme park will turn out to be one of the modern world's greatest attractions.

So all you *muggles* out there, wait for a little while and your dreams of visiting HP world will come true!

*Compiled by :*  
Nanditha Ravindar,  
Std.XI, Leo MHSS,  
Chennai

## Shopping Ollivanders

This is the wand shop featured in all Potter books and films. This has been planned as an interactive experience where 'the wand chooses the wizard!'

## Zonko's

The famed joke shop with Potter favourites like Sneakoscopes.

## Dervish and Banges

An instrument and equipment shop that will sell 'Quidditch' equipment and memorabilia as part of its wares.

## Filch's Emporium of Confiscated Goods

This store will offer *Ministry of*

*Magic* goods, such as Omnioculars and remote controlled Golden Snitches.

## Other Attractions Hogsmeade Station

The *Hogwarts Express* will run from this train station at Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

## The Owlery

The resting place for the owls and their masters.

## The Owl Post

An actual, working U.S. post office from which guests will be able to send letters and cards postmarked from Hogsmeade!

(Source : Internet)

# GOKULAM

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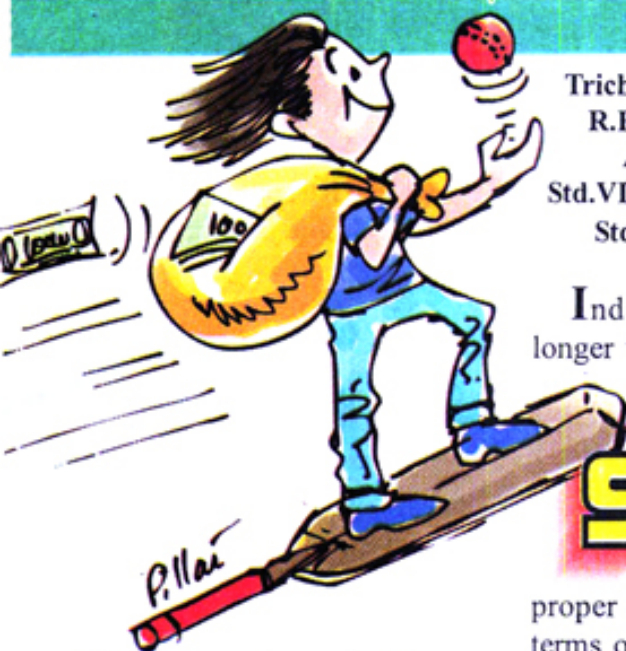






# Melody Queen

- Lata Mangeshkar



Trichy; Mansi Vinod Dixit, Std.X,  
R.H.Kapadia New High School,  
Ahmedabad; Vishnupriya.K,  
Std.VIII, KV-2, Chennai; G.Aruna,  
Std.XI, SBOA MHSS, Madurai

Indians need to wait a little  
longer to take up sports full time.  
Our country does not have

# SPORTS

To the question asked in our January issue, one point emerged clearly from our reader's letters. There is no sport other than cricket in India. This situation coupled with government apathy makes it really difficult for Indians to take up any other sport on a professional basis!

In the current scenario, it is extremely difficult to take up sports as a full time profession. There is very limited support from the government, and very few institutions/ companies are willing to sponsor sportsmen.

- P.Himaya, Std.VI,  
Sri Akilandeswari Vidhyalaya,

proper infrastructural facilities in terms of grounds, stadiums, pools, etc. Very few coaches are available and that too only for a few select sports like cricket, tennis, chess and badminton.

- Jeswin Jose, Std.IV, AECS - 4,  
Mumbai; R.M.Mruthula, Std.VII,  
Bharathi Vidya Bhavan MHSS,  
Erode; N.S.Soundharya, Std.IX,  
Avila Convent MHSS, Coimbatore

India is a developing country and the majority of the population belong to either middle or lower middle class. It is very difficult for most of us to afford the basic requirements of sports like sportswear, shoes, equipment and



most important of all, good nutritious diet!

- M.Surendhar, Std.XII, SMBM School, Dindigul; J.Vijayalakshmi, Std.VII, Devi MHSS, Palani; G.R.Swathi, Std.VI, St.Joseph's MHSS, Sathyamangalam; Sparsa Chowdary, Std.IX, Bhashyam Public School, Vishakapatnam;

powerful decide the team members and real talent gets a raw deal!

- Akhila Kudrethaya, Std.VIII, St.Aloysius Higher Primary School, Mangalore

# CRICKET!

B.Ramya, Std.VII, Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School, Mysore

There is too much politics in Indian sports. The rich and the

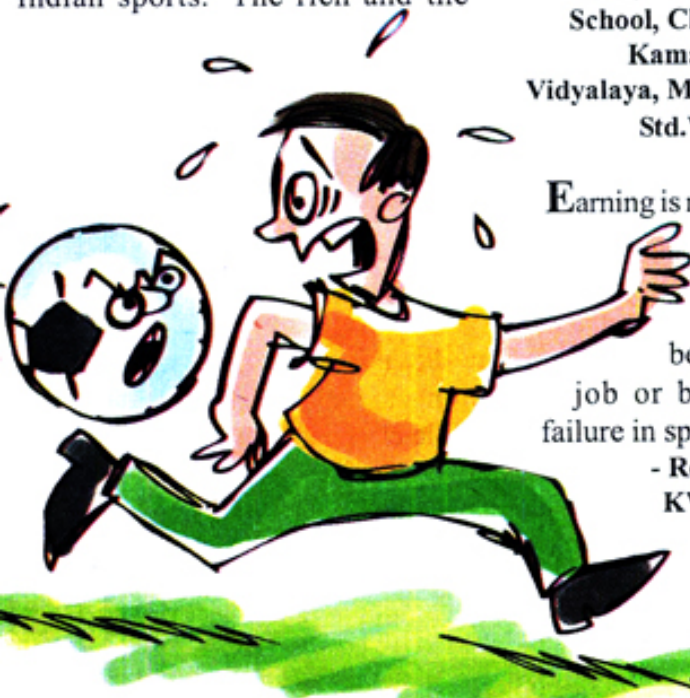
Indians give more importance to education than sports. There are hardly any full time sports schools in India. Parents and teachers drill the importance of good education in to the children's mind right from kindergarten. Sports and games are just a leisure activity!

- B.V.Induja, Std.X, Shrishti MHSS, Vellore; Maanasa Natrajan, Std.VI, Jnanodaya School, Bengalooru; Kilari Pragna, Std.VIII, Sri Vidyanikethan Intn'l School, Chandragiri; H.Sanjay Kamath, Std.VII, Sharada Vidyalaya, Mangalore; M.Ashwin, Std.VIII, SBOA, Chennai

Earning is not constant in sports.

It totally depends on the performance of the players. It is better to have a back up job or business in case of failure in sports.

- Rohan Kishore, Std.VI, KV-CRPF, Bengalooru; Athreya.G.Krishna, Std.VIII, Canara



High School, Mangalore;  
M.S.Gowri Sankari, Std.IX, Good  
Shepherd MHSS, Marthandam;  
Harsh Singhania, Std.VIII, Cheran  
MHSS, Karur; Aamir Sohail,  
Std.VII, JH Tarapore School,  
Jamshedpur; Varun.M,  
Bengalooru; V.Deepak Ramanan,  
Std.VIII, TVS MHSS, Madurai

Secunderabad; V.M.Suganth,  
Std.IX, KV-2, Chennai; Vishishtha  
Upul, Std.VII, DAV Public School,  
Ranchi; Sourabh Tripathi, Std.VIII,  
KV-2, Balangir; Sneha.S, Std.IX,  
Avila Convent MHSS, Coimbatore;  
Anwesha Das, Adarsha Bidya  
Mandir, Bhubaneswar;  
V.M.Ramachandiran,

In India,  
only cricket  
is given



importance!  
Cricketers earn in  
crores while other  
sportsmen struggle to get even  
the bare minimum. T.V.  
channels and newspapers too  
give maximum coverage to  
cricket while other sports are  
relegated to the  
background. An  
Indian cannot  
take up any sport  
other than cricket as a full time  
profession!

- Krishna Mehta, Ahmedabad;  
Athipan Anbumani, Std.VI,  
Bharathi Vidhya Bhavan, Erode;  
Puranjan Dev, Std.VI, Buxi  
Jagabandhu English Medium  
School, Bhubaneswar; Ankita  
Chatterjee, Std.XI, BSRKV,

Std.VIII,  
Campion School,  
Trichy; R.Priya,  
Std.IX, Tagore Intn'l  
School, New Delhi

Anyone can take up  
sports as a profession if he/  
she is totally committed and  
dedicated to the game. A  
sports person should play  
for the glory of the sport  
and not for  
money.

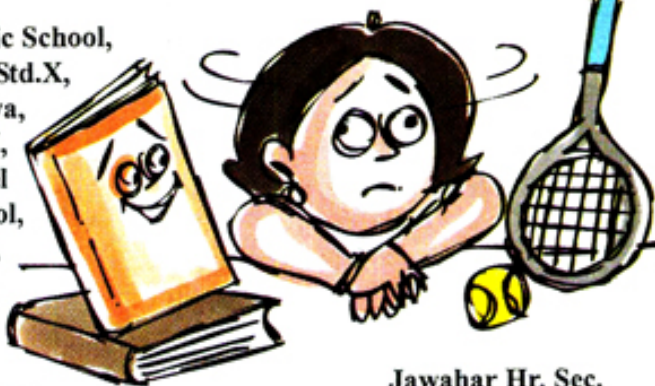
Anish  
Antony,  
Std.VII, KV – Pattom,  
Thiruvananthapuram

Sports as a profession covers a  
vast area. There are many related  
jobs like coaching, commentary,  
groundsmen, umpires, selectors,  
physiotherapist, etc.

- Soubhagya.S.Prabhu, Std.X,



St.Mary's Bethany Public School,  
Alapuzha; Sreeparvathi, Std.X,  
Chinmaya Vidyalaya,  
Cannanore; Gayathri.T.N,  
Std.VIII, Mount Carmel  
Convent School,  
Bengalooru; Ajay Ashok,  
Std.XI, St.Michael's  
Academy, Chennai



**S**ports is very lucrative today. Sachin, Dhoni, Vishvanathan Anand, Sania Mirza, Saina Nehwal have all taken up sports as their profession and achieved success. So why not us?

- Kishorimohan Das, Std.VII, Nehru High School, Kolkata;  
Keerthana.V, Std.VII, SBOA MHSS, Chennai; Aleena Paul, Std.VI, Seventh Day Adventist School, Navi Mumbai; Sarbani Chakraborty, Std.IX, KV-1, Port Blair; Bijan Banerjee, Std.VII, Jubilee Sec. School, Asansol; Shri Raksha.M, Std.IX, Mariam Nilaya High School, Bengalooru; M.Swarnalakshmi, Std.XII,

Jawahar Hr. Sec.  
School, Chennai; Sruthi  
Santhosh, Std.VI, KV-Pangode,  
Thiruvananthapuram; Kavya.C,  
Std.IX, Jnanodaya School,  
Bengalooru

**T**oday, many schools and colleges are encouraging students to take up sports. The state and central governments are also providing job opportunities to sportspersons.

- Aparna Ganesh, Std.VI, ITI  
Central School, Bengalooru;  
Ananthakrishnan.R, Std.VI, Sainik  
School, Thiruvananthapuram;  
Prakash Ravichandran, Std.VII,  
DAV Public School, Navi Mumbai

### QUESTION FOR THE MONTH:

**‘Life without Computer’ – Is it possible in today’s world?**

**S**end us your views by 25.03.2010. Each published entry will receive a prize of Rs. 25/-. Remember to include details of your age, class, school and residential address. Those of you who are non- residents of India should send us a local (Indian) address too. You can send entries by post or by e.mail (gokulam@kalkiweekly.com)



# Birthday



\* Tanvi



\* B. Vishwa



\* R. Hari Shanjana



\* K. Sharon



\* T. Dimple Singhania

Our son **B. Vishwa** is celebrating his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. Wishing you happiness and success throughout your life!

*Best Wishes from parents Venkatesh and Priya*

Our dear sister **N. Deepshikha** celebrates her birthday on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. May god shower his blessings on her.

*Best Wishes from Parents, Akshay, Dimple and relatives*

My sister **T. Dimple Singhania** celebrates her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. May god be with you always!

*Best Wishes from*

*Parents, Harsh, Chitra, uncle, aunt and relatives*

**Mansi Vinod Dixit** celebrates her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. We wish her best of luck in all walks of life.

*Best Wishes from parents Vinod and Neelu, brother Krutarth*

My dear brother **Ashutosh Dash** celebrates his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on 11<sup>th</sup> of March. May god show him the path to success.

*Best Wishes from parents Ramesh and Bilasini, sister Smruti*

Our dear daughter **R. Hari Shanjana** celebrates her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. We wish her a healthy, happy, prosperous and bright future.

*Best Wishes from Parents, brother and grandmother*

My loving friend **T. Viniza** celebrates her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. I wish her a very happy birthday.

*Best Wishes from Shiny and friends*





# Blast!

*It's Your Day*

**Tanvi** celebrates her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. May all your dreams come true.

*Best Wishes from Shashank, Shreyank and relatives*



\* G.R. Ashwin Kumar

**Our dear Pratham** celebrates his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. Wishing him a very happy birthday.

*Best Wishes from Keethu, Shannu, Sonu, parents and relatives*



\* N. Deepshikha

**G.R. Ashwin Kumar** is celebrating his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. May god bless him on this special day.

*Best Wishes from Chinnachamy, Maheswari, Rajun, Prema, Kannan Prabhu, Raveena*

**Tabihul Mohammed** celebrates his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

*Best Wishes from Tabassum, Tabreez, Tabshur, Tasriya and Basheer*



\* Ashutosh Dash

**My friend Parvathy Raj** is celebrating her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. We wish her many happy returns of the day.

*Best Wishes from Sruthi Santhosh, Rakshantha, Akhila, Shaarika and Anjana*



\* Pratham

**Naga Charan** is celebrating his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Many more happy returns of the day.

*Best Wishes from Parents, brother and sister*



**K. Sharon** celebrates her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. May god shower his blessings on you always.

*Best Wishes from parents Sudhakar and Lilly*



\* Naga Charan

**From :** Axlin Perus  
<i\_am\_confused@aqua  
danet.andromeda.res>

**To :** Headboy <students  
\_council@hogwartsearth.  
milkyway.edu>

**Date :** 28.01.2010

**Subject :** I don't know  
what to do!

Hello,

I'm Axlin Perus, and I'm  
eleven cycles old. I live on a  
planet called Aquada, in the  
galaxy Andromeda.

I guess I've always prided myself  
on being pretty level-headed. I mean,  
I don't have many friends and the  
school bullies always pick on me;  
but I try not to let it bother me - even  
when they smashed my *hoola* bat,  
you know, where we play on an air-  
strip 500 metres above ground. Two  
months later, someone hacked into  
my subscription of Inter Galactic  
Speed Racers, so I can't get my  
e-magazine any more. Three weeks  
ago, my Android instructor commed  
me to say he hadn't received my  
homework on Atlantean sub-  
cultures. Turns out the bullies erased  
my data pad. But you know the worst  
part? They deleted my parent's holo-



## FRIENDS

pictures last week.

I guess that's when things started  
getting weird.

I was furious, you know. I thought  
how neat it would be if I could just  
give those bullies a swift kick. The  
next day, when we assembled in our  
virtual classroom, I saw that the  
bullies had band aids on their heads.

That wasn't all. I thought about  
their food getting messed up.. and it  
did. I thought about it raining when  
they went to play *hoola*.. and it did.  
And the bullies apologized to me! I  
sat in my room and wished I could  
have chocolate.. and it appeared!

That's when I freaked out. I mean,  
how does that even *happen*?





I went on the holonet (that's what we all internet in our galaxy) and researched a bit. Turns out you guys run a school that teaches how to handle this stuff. But you are in another galaxy, called Milky Way. But you're the only ones who know what's happening to me. Please, please help!

Axlin.

PS : How weird is it that I can actually send mail to someone in another galaxy?! See how freaky this is?

can control things and people. So you're probably one of us.

A wizard.

I study in a school where there are many like you. We have many powers. Things happen when we think about them. I myself broke a couple of lamps and blew up

one of my aunt's guests, not to mention a duel, but more

of that later. The thing is, you can make things happen. It's frightening at first, but you also need to know how to handle this.

On Earth, we have schools, courses and techniques for this.

I'm not sure what kind of alternative the Andromeda galaxy offers – but you've written to us, and I'm determined to help. On behalf of Hogwarts, I'll be sending across materials and books

## FROM AFAR

**From :** Headboy <students\_council@hogwartsearth.milkyway.edu>

**To :** Axlin Perus<i\_am\_confused@aquadanet.andromeda.res>

**Date :** 29.01.2010

**Subject :** Help is here

Dear Axlin,  
Received your mail; First, calm down. Nothing's wrong with you.

You're not a freak. In fact, if what's happening to you is any indication, you





for you, so you can have an understanding of what's in store. Maybe, at some point you can travel over here. Inter-galactic travel is unheard of so far; but we wizards are different, aren't we? ☺⇒

I've attached a few manuals and documents. Please go through them carefully, and write back.

Head-boy,  
Student Council, Hogwarts  
School of Wizardry.

PS: Please cc your mail to the following ids:

<boy\_who\_lived@hog  
wartsearth.milkyway.edu>

<miss\_know\_it\_all@geniusgirl.  
milkyway.net>

<weasel\_boy@theburrows.  
milkyway.net>

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\_Hogwarts.txt (1)

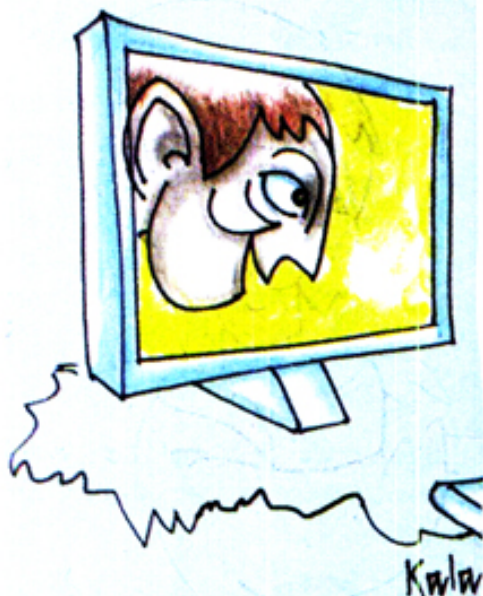
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\_Quidditch.txt (3)

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\_Wands.xls (4)

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\_Hat.mpeg (5)

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**From :** Axlin Perus <wizards.  
are\_cool@aquadanet.andromeda  
res>

**To :** Headboy <students.  
council@hogwartsearth  
milkyway.edu>

**CC :** <boy\_who\_lived@  
hogwartsearth.milkyway.edu>

<miss\_know\_it\_all@  
geniusgirl.milkyway.net>

<weasel\_boy@theburrows  
milkyway.net>

**Date :** 30.01.2010

**Subject :** I'm so glad ...

... that I've got someone like you  
to explain these things to me.

Your attachments are so cool





Quidditch seems like a really great game. Hogwarts sounds like a wonderful school. Although, like you say, it may take a while for me to get there. On the other hand, your idea of a virtual classroom is great. Until I can apparate there or something.

Thank you, again.

Relieved,

Axlin Perus.

PS : Btw – who is “the boy who lived?”

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**From :** Hermione Granger  
<miss\_know\_it\_all@geniusgirl.milkyway.net>

**To:** Axlin Perus <wizards\_are\_cool@aquadanet.andromeda.res>

**CC :** Headboy <students\_council@hogwartsearth.milkyway.edu> ,

<boy\_who\_lived@hogwartsearth.milkyway.edu>

<weasel\_boy@theburrows.milkyway.net>

**Date :** 31.01.2010

**Subject :** I'm so glad too ...

...because this is the first time Hogwarts has someone from another galaxy! Welcome!

I'm Hermione Granger and I'm treasurer/secretary to Hogwarts' Student Council. I want to let you know that if there's anything at all you need help with, I'm here for you. Charms is usually very easy, so's Potions – as long as you don't mess up the Mandrakes, or trip over Tubers. Oh, and make sure you read through all the textbooks before you start classes, so you can stay on top. And you can start preparing for OWLS and NEWTS right away.

Ciao,

Hermione Granger

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**From :** Ronald Weasely  
<weasel\_boy@theburrows.milkyway.net>

**To :** Axlin Perus <wizards\_are\_cool@aquadana.net.andromeda.res>

**CC :** Headboy <students\_council@hogwartsearth.milkyway.edu>,  
<boy\_who\_lived@hogwartsearth.milkyway.edu>  
<miss\_know\_it\_all@geniusgirl.milkyway.net>

**Date :** 31st January, 2010

**Subject :** Ignore the ...

... Know-it-all. Has she frightened you off with her lesson-plans, exam tutorials and OWLS?

Hogwarts is more than just a school, mate. Us wizards are a great bunch of beings. We've got music-bands, television shows, speaking of which, d'you have a subscription for The Daily Prophet yet?

I hope you're in Gryffindor. It's the coolest 'House' of all. Hufflepuff is neat too – but don't you ever set foot in Slytherin.

Seeya!

Ron Weasely.

**From :** HP aka Headboy  
<boy\_who\_lived@hogwartsearth.milkyway.edu>

**To :** Axlin Perus <wizards\_are\_cool@aquadana.net.andromeda.res>

**CC :** Hermione Granger  
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**Date :** 31.01.2010

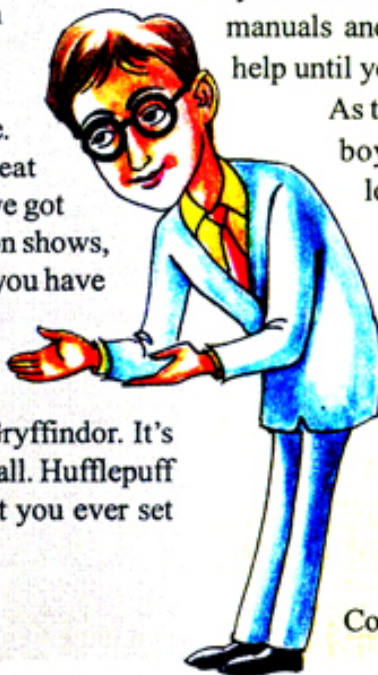
**Subject :** From the Milky Way ...

So, I guess you've got the mails my friends sent. You've read the manuals and docs – those should help until you're actually here.

As to the story behind "the boy who lived"... it's a long one. You'll get to know all about it, I guess, some day. Look it up in the archives. ☺⇒

And Axlin...  
Welcome to  
Hogwarts!

Harry Potter  
(Head, Student  
Council, Hogwarts)





## Meet the Author

**H**arry Potter, the wizard boy has proved to be the greatest magician of all times. But there is some one who is indeed greater than him. It's none other than the author of the book, Joanne Kathleen Rowling, also known as J.K.Rowling!

Infact, her story is quite similar to Harry Potter's in more ways than one. J.K.Rowling suffered financial problems in the initial stages of her life. Moreover, she was only 15 years old when she lost her mother, very similar to Harry who lost his parents and had to suffer a great deal at his aunt's house.

Her 'Harry Potter' novel was rejected by twelve publishers before seeing the light of the day when

Bloomsbury, a small publishing house decided to take it up. But she never lost hope during her period of struggle and managed to achieve success through perseverance and sheer determination.

The story behind the creation of Harry Potter is equally interesting. Once, when J.K.Rowling was travelling by train from Manchester to London, it got delayed by a few hours. It was during this 'extra time' that she conceived the idea of Harry Potter. It took her 5 years to write this book, which she used to pen sitting inside a cafe. As a child J.K.Rowling had phenomenal and overwhelming love

towards writing. She used to write a lot during her school days. The surname 'Potter' is that of a boy who lived in her neighbourhood. She loved this surname and gave it to the hero of her novels. And it has turned out to be the most famous name of all times!

She is first writer to cross the one billion mark in earnings, making her the richest writer of all times. She has extended help to



## J.K.Rowling-The 'Master' Plotter



various charities for young children all over the world. Indeed a true inspiration to all of us!

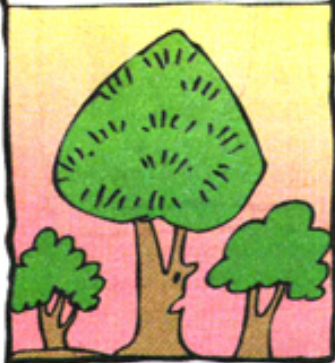
- Akanksha.P.Wadhavkar,  
Std.VIII, Shantinagar High School,  
Thane

# THE 'WISHFUL' TREE

Story : Neha Jha, Std.XI, Rama Devi Women's College, Bhubaneswar

Artist : Pillai

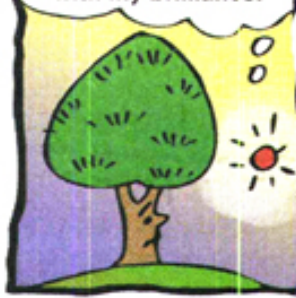
In a forest, there was a tree with thin pointed leaves. He always felt...



... sad when he saw the broad, glossy leaves of the other trees.



How I wish I had leaves of gold. They would shine brightly and I could dazzle everyone with my brilliance!



The fairy of the forest heard this and decided to grant the wish to the tree. Next morning, the tree...

...was surprised to find himself covered with golden leaves. He was very happy.



Unfortunately, that night a thief stole all the golden leaves and left him bare.



Oh no! Perhaps I should have wished for glass leaves. They would shine and shimmer, but nobody would steal them.





low, the tree was covered with bright glass leaves. They reflected the sun's rays in all directions.

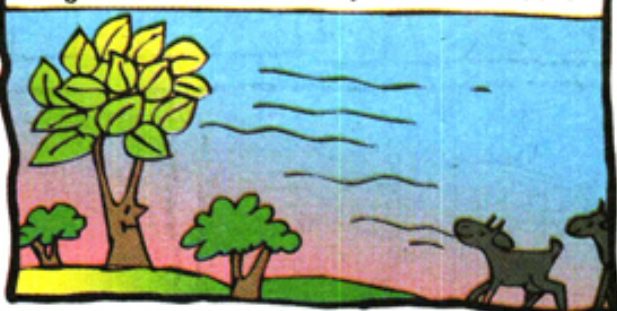


That night a strong gust of wind blew. All the leaves fell down and broke into pieces.

Oh god! Please, let my branches be covered with scented leaves.



His wish was granted but the scent attracted a few goats that munched away the leaves happily.



The tree now realized his foolishness and recognised the value of his original leaves.



The fairy was happy that the tree understood his own worth and gave him back his original leaves.



COLOUR  
UP





Children from all over the world send contributions to Gokulam both through email and surface mail. If your contributions are to be published, they should be interesting and well-written. But that's not enough; we need you to follow some simple rules as well:

1. **Write down your name, class, name of your school and complete residential address** at the beginning of each contribution. Henceforth, we will not accept any contribution with incomplete details.

2. **Make use of A4 sheets and write on one side of the paper**, leaving the other side blank. And do write legibly.

3. **Number your pages** and if your contribution runs to more than two pages, then write your complete personal details at the back of every page.

4. **Contributions by e-mail are welcome...** but do not forget to give complete details including your e-mail id at the beginning of each mail.

5. **The best contributions will be published** and a certificate of appreciation will be sent to the contributor. Do preserve your certificates, for the child with the maximum number of certificates will

get a bumper prize at the end of a year.

6. **All competition entries** must reach us before the last date mentioned.

7. Coupons provided in Gokulam for competition entries **should not be xeroxed**.

8. Entries to It's Your Day (Birthday Bash) and theme based contributions (eg., Diwali, New year, Republic Day, Environment Day, Teacher's Day, etc) **should reach us two**

**Make Sure  
and  
Take Care**



**months prior to the respective events.**

9. **We are looking for original stories, experiences, amusing anecdotes and articles**, but if you have based your writing on any source, then do acknowledge it.

10. **No copying, please!**

Please make sure that you take care of the ten commandments!

**Name : S.Gokul**

**Age : 13**

**Address :** 17/1, Dharmar Koil Street, M.S.V.Illam, Annur, Tamilnadu - 641653

**Hobbies :** Playing Chess, keyboard, listening to music.

**Name: Timothy Rohith Bharath**

**Age : 12**

**Address :** 358, Double Road Cross, Indiranagar - First Stage, Bengalooru - 560038

**Hobbies :** Playing games and making new friends.

**Name : Yuga.D.Naik**

**Age : 13**

**Address :** B/G, Dramila Apartments, Mangor Hill, Vasco-da-Gama, Goa- 403802

**Hobbies :** Reading, drawing, collecting stamps, listening to music and surfing the net.

**Name : S.Kishan Bairavi**

**Age : 16**

**Address :** Kishan Illam, 3B, Perumal Koil Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cross, Alapakkam, Chennai - 600116

**Hobbies :** Cycling, gardening, reading magazines, listening to music and drawing.

**Name : Sahana Dinesh**

**Age : 8**

**Address :** A 210, Usha Enclave, Navodaya Colony, Srinagar Colony Extn, Yellareddy Guda, Hyderabad - 500073

**Hobbies :** Drawing, listening to classical music, dancing, watching cartoons and playing tennis.

**Name : M.Sneha**

**Age : 12**

**Address :** 42E, Kattabomman Street, V.K.Garden, Velandipalayam, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu - 641025

**Hobbies :** Reading, watching T.V., playing computer games, surfing the net, reading story books,

# EVERY DAY IS

making friends, listening to songs and music.

**Name : Kholie Kaku**

**Age : 15**

**Address :** C/O Principal of V.K.V. Sher, Post Box Kimin, Pampumpare, Arunachal Pradesh - 791121

**Hobbies :** Playing football, reading story books, listening to music, surfing the net.





# FRIENDSHIP DAY

*Name :* **K.J.Manjunath**

*Age :* 15

*Address :* 4041, WOD, Sainik School, Bijapur, Karnataka - 586102

*Hobbies :* Writing stories, horse riding, swimming, singing, reading books, collecting pictures.

*Name :* **Kishore.N**

*Age :* 11

*Address :* H598, Annanagar 2<sup>nd</sup> Stop, Phase 1, Trichy,

Tamilnadu - 620026

*Hobbies :* Reading books, singing songs.

*Name :* **R.Krithika**

*Age :* 14

*Address :* 23/12, North Chitrakulam Street, Mylapore, Chennai - 600004

*Hobbies :* Reading comics and novels, swimming and playing tennis.

# INTO THE MAGICAL WORLD

✦ Harry Potter is a series of seven fantasy novels written by British author J.K.Rowling.

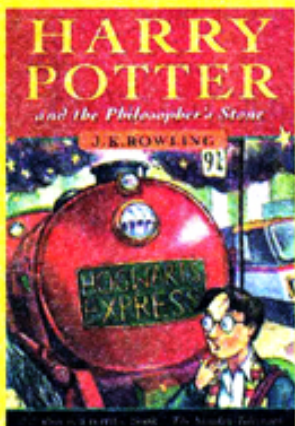
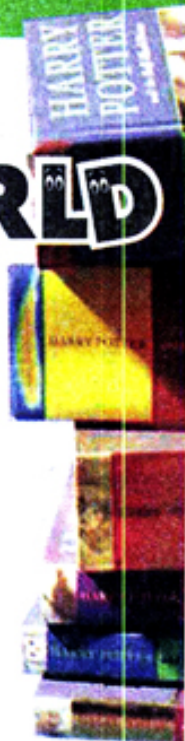
✦ Since the 1997 release of the first Harry Potter novel 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', the books have gained immense popularity and commercial success throughout the world.

✦ As of 2008, the Harry Potter novels have sold over 400 million copies worldwide and have also been translated into 67 languages.

✦ The last four books have consecutively set records as the fastest selling books in history.

✦ J.K.Rowling is the first person to become a billionaire by writing books.

✦ So far, the first six books have been made into a series





## About the Series

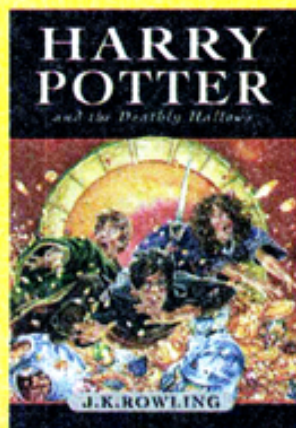
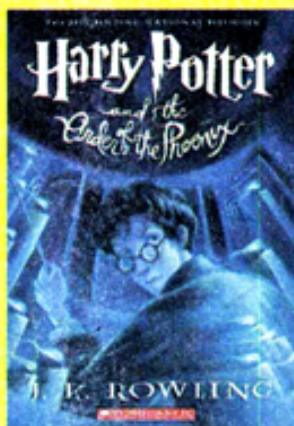
of motion pictures by Warner Bros. The sixth book, 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince' was released on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, 2009.

✦ More than 16,000 children auditioned in the UK and USA for the title role of Harry Potter.

The seven books in this fantasy series include:

- 📖 Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
- 📖 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- 📖 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
- 📖 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
- 📖 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- 📖 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
- 📖 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

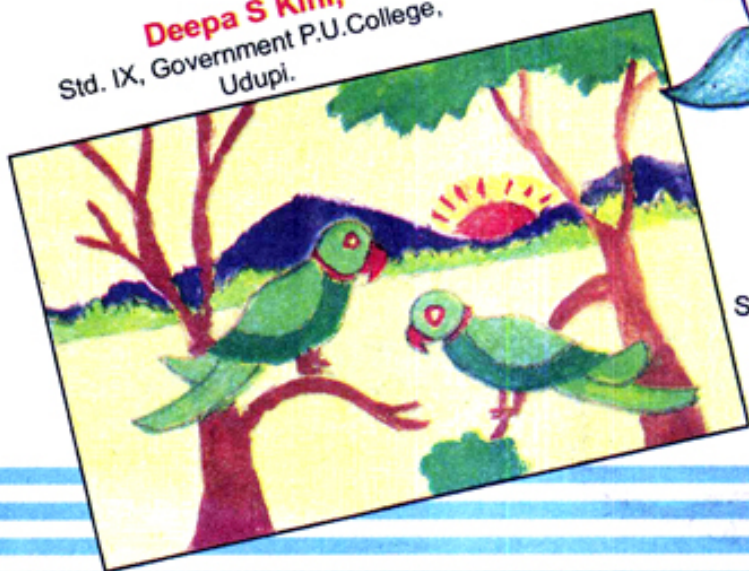
- R.Pradeep, Std. XI, Sunbeam MHSS,  
Vellore



**Abhinand Vinodh,**  
Std. VI, Air Force School, ASTE,  
Bengalooru.



**Deepa S Kini,**  
Std. IX, Government P.U.College,  
Udupi.



**S.Rakshar**

Std. 'I'  
St.Francis Anglo Ind  
Girls High Sch  
Coimbat





**Anupya Choudary,**

Std. VI, Hyderabad Public School,  
Hyderabad.

**Olak Lego,**

Std. VIII, V.K.V. Sunpura,  
Arunachal Pradesh.



**Vinayak Das,**  
Std. VI, B.J.E.M. School,  
Bhubaneswar.



# ART ZONE

**R.Sankar Ganesh,**

Std. X, O.V.C.Hr.Sec.School,  
Sivaganga.



## Knotty Questions!

1. How far can a dog run into the woods?

2. A farmer has seventeen sheep. All but nine run away. How many are still with him?

3. It is so fragile that it breaks even if you utter its name. What is it?

- R.K.Malini, Std.VIII,  
JHSS, Neyveli

4. Name the hottest day of the year.

- Suhasini Ramani  
Std.VI  
G.D.Birla Education Centre  
Kolkata

5. Where do ghosts like to swim?  
6. How can you make a road broad?

7. How close are bees and sea?  
- S.Poojitha, Std.VII  
I.T.I Central School  
Bengalooru

8. What did Ram say to Shyan when he won a prize in the summer camp?

9. What did the big snowman say to the melting snowman?

- Anupya Choudary  
Std.VI, RIS-Malad  
Mumba

Answers : 1.Half way, after which it will be running out of the woods! 2.Nine, of course! 3.Silence 4. 'Sun' day 5. Dead sea! 6. Just add 'B' to 'road' 7.Very close; They come one after the other - B, C 8. A healthy' congratulations! 9.You have caught the 'Global Warming' virus!

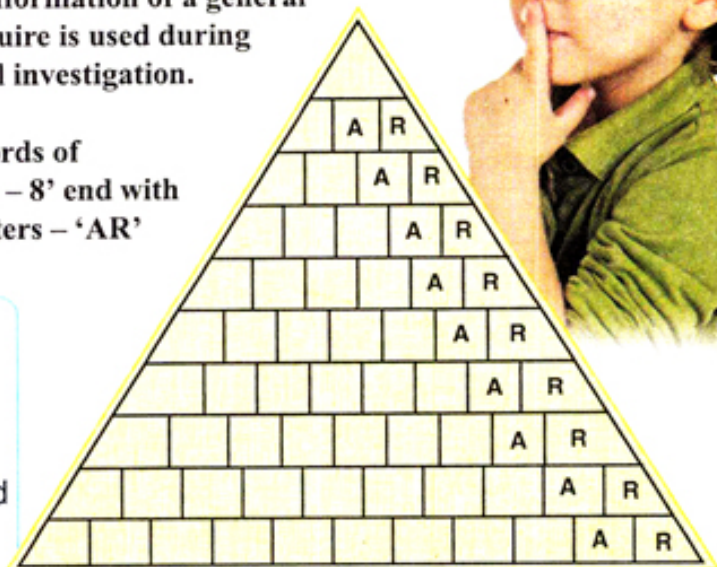


## Dear Children,

To the fifth clue given in Pyramid Puzzle – 6 (January 2010), we found that a lot of readers got confused between 'Enquire' and 'Inquire'. Enquire means seeking information of a general nature while inquire is used during official or formal investigation.

Note: All the words of Pyramid Puzzle – 8' end with the same two letters – 'AR'

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## Pyramid Puzzle - 8

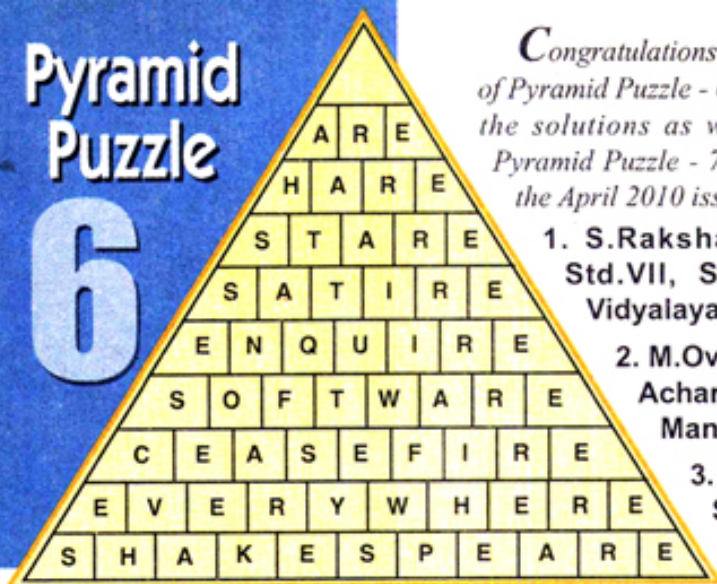
1. A black layer laid on roads
2. Twinkle, Twinkle...
3. Distinct
4. Remaining
5. Consistent
6. Worn on the feet
7. Fade or vanish
8. Not alike
9. Eye-catching and stunning



- G.S.S

# Pyramid Puzzle

# 6



*Congratulations! Here are the winners of Pyramid Puzzle - 6 (January 2010) and the solutions as well. The results of Pyramid Puzzle - 7 will be published in the April 2010 issue.*

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Mandir, Puducherry

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● Strictly for school going children ● Five lucky winners will get a cash award of Rs.50/- each. They will be decided by a draw of lots from out of the 2 correct entries. ● Entries with completed grid on the reverse accepted on the form only ● No xerox copies.



## Around the World

It may soon be possible for you to climb walls like Spiderman! U.S. researchers have developed shoes and gloves which would stick and unstick to walls and also bear heavy loads! The research team took inspiration from a beetle, native to Florida. This insect can adhere to a surface with a force 100 times its own

weight with a three set win over Britain's Andy Murray. Roger Federer, though happy, was not proud. He praised Murray by declaring, "I had to try



# Climb Walls Like SPIDERMAN!

weight, yet also unstick itself instantly!

very hard; Andy brought out the best in me!" Well, that's what sports is all about.

**A.R.** Rahman bagged two Grammy awards, one for 'Jai Ho' and the other for the outstanding sound track for Slumdog Millionaire!

Serena Williams won her fifth Australian Open title. Justine Henin was the runner up. World number one Federer won his fourth Australian Open

All countries have laws enacted years

\* Jai Ho again



500



back, which are silly and outdated in modern times and Britain is no exception. Here are a few examples :

\* Any one who flies a kite is liable for a fine of £ 500!

\* Walking down the street with building materials and tools is illegal!

\* Anyone going to a fancy dress party dressed as a sailor will be committing

an offence!

\* Being out of cash and dasking anyone for a pittance may land one in jail!

**Fifty** fire fighters and a helicopter were used to rescue a dog from a river in Los Angeles! There was considerable criticism for using so many resources to save a dog. But government officials said that the river was storm swollen and the rescuers took considerable risk and therefore the use of so



many equipments was justified. Dog lovers were thrilled and praised the fire fighters. The German shepherd was rescued by a fire fighter dangling from a rope ladder which hung from the helicopter.

**H**aitian capital Port au Prince was rocked by a powerful earthquake. The Parliament, tax offices, schools, hotels, hospitals and thousands of houses were reduced to rubble. Countless people died. The calamity sent shock waves all over the world. Rescue workers, food and other materials poured into Haiti and the country is slowly limping back to normal.

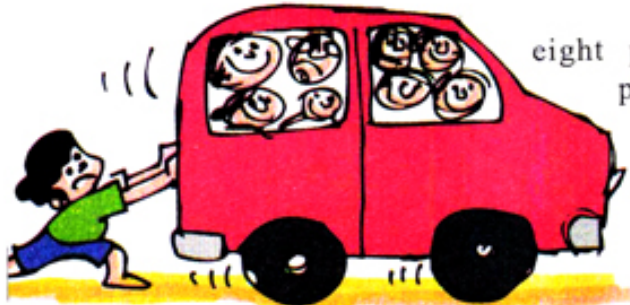


**Jyothi Basu,**  
veteran  
Marxist

\* **Jyothi Basu -**  
Veteran Marxist

leader passed away at the ripe old age of 95. His life was one of great struggle to achieve political success. Honesty and hard work helped him to set a record as the nation's longest serving chief minister. The left front won seven successive





eight persons inside! He performed this feat in Chennai at the Marina beach. The Indian origin boy had already set a record in Malaysia by pulling a Benz car with four

assembly elections under his leadership which is unprecedented in the history of parliamentary democracy, the world over!

persons sitting inside!

Attack on postmen by dogs guarding

A bronze statue of a young



Barack Obama was erected in Menteng park, a short walk from his former elementary school in Central Jakarta. But just a month after it was erected, authorities are

\* Obama - Statue trouble

paffled by petitions to tear it down! Critics are demanding that the site be used to honour an Indonesian! "Indonesia for Indonesians only!"



\* Federer - Humble King

houses increased by 20% last year in Britain. Postmen have been given a new gadget by the department. The

device releases compressed air and makes a hissing sound which scares dogs and they back off! Well, it's okay for postmen,

but what if robbers begin to use them?

Six year old Santosh Perumal from Malaysia broke his own record by pulling a Chevrolet car with





London, England

**Parents:** Marcia Gresham and Alan Radcliffe.

**Pets:** Two border terriers - Bink and Nugget

**Favourites:**

**Movies:** Apollo 13, Twelve Angry Men, Moulin Rouge



# About the *HP* Heroes

**Harry Potter -  
DANIEL RADCLIFFE**

**Full Name:** Daniel Jacob Radcliffe

**Birthday:** July 23, 1989

**Height:** 5' 5.5"

**City of Birth:** Fulham, West

and What's Eating Gilbert Grape

**Football team:** Fulham Football Club

**Sport:** Cricket

**Music Groups:** Stereophonics, U2, and REM

**Gadget:** iPod



## HP - Profile

**TV Show:** The Simpsons, WWF

**Harry Potter Book:** HP and the Deathly Hallows

**Harry Potter Characters:** Hagrid and the Weasleys

**HP Word:** "Voldemort"

**Actresses:** Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Kate Hudson, Julia Roberts, Nicole Kidman, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Renee Zellweger

**Actors:** Ed Harris, Jude Law, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Paul Bettany, Tom



Hanks, Ben Stiller, Robert De Niro

**Book:** "Holes" by Louis Sachar, and the Harry Potter series

**Candy:** Mars Bar

**Drink:** Diet Coke

**Fast Food:** McDonald's

**Colors:** Green, Red and Gold

**Country:** America

**Number:** Nine



**Superhero:** Spiderman

**Animal:** Wolf

**Subject:** English

**Hobbies:** Listening to music, playing with play station, working out, and writing stories

**Ambition:** To become a writer or director

## **Hermione Granger - EMMA WATSON**

**Full Name:** Emma Charlotte



**Duerre Watson**

**Date of Birth:** April 15, 1990  
(Sunday)

**Star Sign:** Aries

**Place of Birth:** Paris, France

**Hometown:** Oxfordshire,  
England

**Family:** Father (Chris – Lawyer),  
Mother (Jacqueline – Lawyer),

Brother (Alex – 3 years Emma  
junior and still attending school)

**Height:** 5'6"

**Eyes:** Brown

**Hair:** Dark Blonde

**Pets:** A cat Bubbles

### **Favourites:**

**Colour:** Pink

**Pop Band:** Postal Service

**Album:** 'Blue' by Joni Mitchell

**Song:** 'Thank You' by Alan  
Morissette

**Musical:** Chicago

**Movie:** Notting Hill

**TV Show:** Friends

**Actor:** Johnny Depp

**Actress:** Julia Roberts

**Book:** 'The Remains of the  
Day' by Kazuo Ishiguro

**Author:** Carlos Ruiz Zafron

**Artist:** Euan Uglow, Gustav  
Klimt

**Designer:** Chanel

**Food:** Spaghetti, toast, ho  
chocolate

**Drink:** Orange juice with  
lemonade

**Sport:** Field Hockey

**Holiday Destination:** France

**Hobbies:** Dancing, singing  
skiing, field hockey, tennis and art

- Ashwini Velmurugan  
Std.IX, Maharishi Vidya Mandi  
Hosu



# Vote for your Poster-9



Dear Children, the winner this time was obvious from the minute we gave the options. You guessed it right, standing head and shoulders above all is our ex-president, Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam. Indeed, very few national leaders have garnered so much support, respect and love from the general public as he has in the present scenario. Aptly called the 'People's President', he continues to play an important role by inspiring the youth of the country. Also called the 'Missile Man of India', he is currently serving as a visiting faculty at many academic and research institutions across India.

Listed below are 5 names of readers who gave the best reason for voting Dr.Abdul Kalam : 1) Lalatendu Bhoi, Std.VII, Saraswati Sishu Vidya Mandir, Jhitiki, Orissa 2) E.Premika, Std.VIII, SBOA MHSS, Coimbatore 3) B.M.Dhanapriya, Std.VII, KV - Vijayanarayanam, Tirunelveli 4) Neha Pravin Deshpande, Std.VIII, Vijay Nagar High School, Mumbai 5) M.Shami Seles, Std.IX, St.Abysius Hr.Sec.School, Chennai

*Now vote for your June issue poster!*

- Five entries that detail the best reasons will get a reward of Rs 50/- each.
- Last date for receipt of entries: **25.3.2010.**
- Editor's decision is final.

My vote goes to –

|               |                          |                |                          |
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| Harry Potter  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Michael Phelps | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rohan Bopanna | <input type="checkbox"/> | Superman       | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Because.....

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*My mother forced me to eat my lunch quickly so that we won't be late, but then she herself started talking to my granny. Now I'm confused! Was she wrong or was it me?*

- Ashwini Nag, Bengalooru

Dear Ashwini,

Your mother would have asked you to have your lunch quickly and not forced you. I hope you obliged. You must allot sufficient time, say twenty minutes, for lunch or dinner. Don't extend this time to unreasonable levels which will be considered a waste. Start sufficiently early so that you don't have to hurry with your meal, and finish it in time. As for your mother talking with granny, may be she had something very important to discuss, a sudden development, which



could not be postponed. I would advise you not to think in terms of who is right and who is wrong

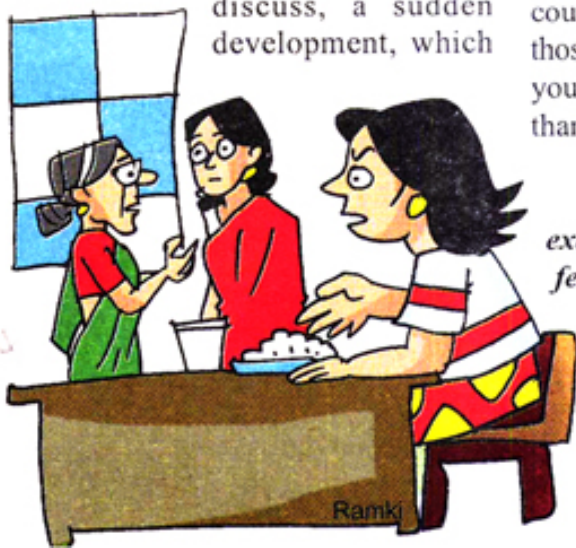
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Instead, have a positive approach in all matters. Try to be prompt courteous and cooperative with all those around you. Everyone will love you for it and you will be happier than ever before.

*I am in XII standard, my exams are fast approaching and I feel nervous. How am I to prevent this?*

- Swarnalakshmi  
Chennai

Dear Swarnalakshmi,  
Your problem is not unique





Many students in the final year at school feel nervous because the results of the final exams will have a bearing on their entire future. If you had studied hard right from the beginning of the academic year, you will have the courage to face the exams and will not feel nervous. However, you must realise that being nervous doesn't solve any problem. Make best use of the time available and study



*Dear Thivia,*

Global warming is a matter of concern, and awareness has to be created. National leaders all over the world are working on the problem in consultation with scientists. Let us hope that things will change for the better. However, horror movies are built on pure imagination and have no relation to real life. They are intended for adults who can differentiate between fact and fiction. The world will certainly not come to an end

## Time to an End?

well. You should also build up self confidence. Tell yourself that even if you don't fare well in exams it is not the end of the world! Remember, there are many avenues open to all of us to lead us to success in life.

*Recently I saw a movie, which conveyed a message that by 2012 the world will come to an end! I am filled with anxiety because of this. Is it because of global warming?*

- Thivia Krishnan, Madurai



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by 2012. In spite of our mistakes abusing nature, mother earth will serve and protect us for hundreds of years to come.

### *How can I find a true friend?*

- **Sathyashree Sethuraman,**

**Kuala Lumpur**

*Dear Sathyashree,*

There are many definitions of a true friend. A true friend will not rest content just praising you but will also correct your mistakes. A true friend will be quick to help you in a difficult situation. But such help will not be forth coming to do wrong things. A

true friend will be sympathetic, affectionate and will find the time to be with you to share your joys and sorrows. A true friend does not appear all of a sudden. You will have to cultivate true friendship through mutual respect, love and regard. Make a lot of friends. Very soon you'll find one who is in the same wave length as you are!

*Some say that there is a new scheme from CBSE Board, known as 'CC'. Is it true? What is 'CC'?*

- **Rayon, Trichy**

Dear Rayon,

'CC' refers to 'Continuous and Comprehensive' programme introduced by the CBSE. Under this programme a student will be evaluated throughout the year, not just during the exams. Students are to be given a lot of project assignments and activities, and will be graded accordingly. CBSE has formulated an elaborate report card in which all the extra curricular activities, behaviour and attitude of the child is monitored and remarked upon. In nutshell, CC deals with the complete performance of a student, not just restricted to marks, as has been done previously.

Best of luck!

**Lov  
Grandmawor**



## Hagrid and his Pets

**H**agrid is the half giant 'Keeper of Keys and Grounds' and later on becomes the 'Care of Magical Creatures' teacher. He is very fond of animals and keeps a variety of pets. He is ready to undergo any challenge for his pet's sake. Some of his favourite pets include:

**BUCKBEAK** is a hippogriff and the favourite of Harry, Ron and Hermione. Hippogriffs are very calm, powerful giants, but are sensitive creatures and demand respect. Buckbeak allows Harry to ride him but slashes the arrogant Draco's arms. Draco persuades his father to use his political power to sentence Buckbeak to death. Hagrid's numerous appeals fail, and members of the Committee for the Disposal of Dangerous Creatures

come to Hogwarts to execute Buckbeak. With the use of a time turner Hermione and Harry manage to free Buckbeak.

**ARAGOG** is an enormous, talking spider that makes a unique clicking noise as he moves in search of his prey.

Hagrid raises him from an egg when he was a Hogwarts student, keeping him inside a cupboard. After Hagrid is expelled from Hogwarts, Aragog lives in the Forbidden Forest. He



\* Hagrid and Buckbeak remains grateful to Hagrid and keeps his carnivorous children from attacking him.

**FANG** is a large boarhound

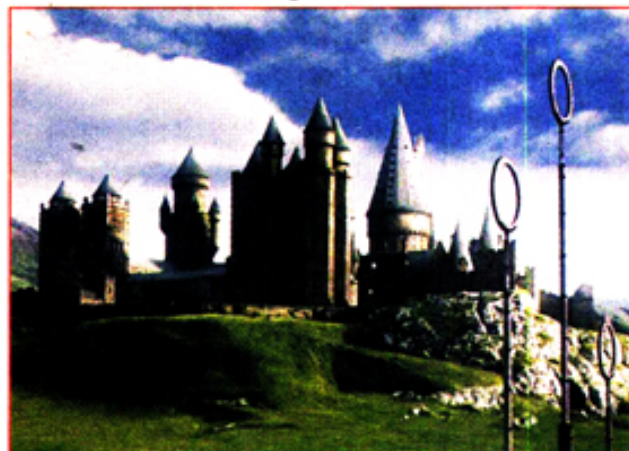
## About Harry's School

and though his size is enormous, he is a real coward. Even a shattered vase frightens him. Boisterous and loving with people he knows, he loves licking Harry, Ron and Hermione around the face or ears.

**FLUFFY** is a giant three-headed dog used by Hagrid to guard the trapdoor leading to the underground chamber where the Philosopher's Stone was hidden. The only known way to get past Fluffy was to lull him to sleep by playing music.

**NORBERTA** is a Norwegian Ridgeback dragon that Hagrid acquired as an egg from Professor Quirell. Hagrid helps the dragon hatch from the egg. Norberta becomes very dangerous and much bigger in the weeks following, so Harry, Ron, and Hermione finally persuade Hagrid to give her to Ron's older brother Charlie, who is studying dragons in Romania.

\* The 'Hogwarts'



The Hogwarts school motto is "*Draco Dormiens Nunquam Titillandus*" which is Latin for "Never Tickle a Sleeping Dragon." In the novel, the school is located in Scotland and various charms were used to make it appear as an old ruin to muggle eyes.

Hogwarts was founded a thousand years ago by Godric Gryffindor (fire/lion), Salazar Slytherin (water/serpent), Helga Hufflepuff (earth/badger), and Rowena Ravenclaw (air/raven). Its crest includes each of the animal representations of the four founders.

Hogwarts is a co-educational, secondary boarding school for children from ages eleven to eighteen.

The Hogwarts castle has extensive grounds with sloping lawns, flowerbeds and vegetable patches, a loch (called the Black Lake in the fourth film), a large dense forest (Forbidden Forest), a number of greenhouses and other outbuildings and a full size Quidditch pitch. There is also an Owlery which houses all the owls owned



y the school and the students. grades include 'Outstanding, exceeds Expectations, and acceptable' and the failing grades include 'Poor, Dreadful, and Troll'.

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## HP Snippets

In real life, the Hogwarts Express is called the "Olton Hall" and runs between Scarborough and York.

J. K. Rowling named the driver and conductor of the 'Knight Bus' after her grandfathers, Ernie and Stanley.

In the Spanish translations of the Harry Potter books, Neville Longbottom's toad, Trevor, has been translated as a turtle instead of a frog.

Fred and George Weasley were born on April fool's day.

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The name Voldemort comes from the French words meaning "fly from death".

The killing curse "Avada Kedavra" is derived from a phrase

*Abhadda kedhabhra* in ancient Aramaic, which means 'let the thing be destroyed'. There is no known counter-curse or blocking spell to this potent spell. Only two people in the history of the magical world are known to have survived the killing curse – Harry Potter and Voldemort!

**\* The 'Knight Bus'**



**\* Sirius Black**

Harry's godfather's name, Sirius Black, comes from the name of one of the brightest stars in the sky, the "Dog Star" or Sirius.

"Morsmordre" is the command that makes the Dark Mark appear. It means "take a bite out of death" in French.

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Poor Jillu is burning the midnight oil and working hard for her exams.



There is no one in this entire household to take care of her except me.



Here Jillu, a cup of hot tea to pep you up. After drinking this you will be able to concentrate better.



It is a real pleasure to help a sincere and hardworking student.



Jillu is wasting her precious time on comics instead of reading her lessons. How dare you encourage her with a cup of tea?



Oh no! I did not notice what she was studying!





# Harry Potter



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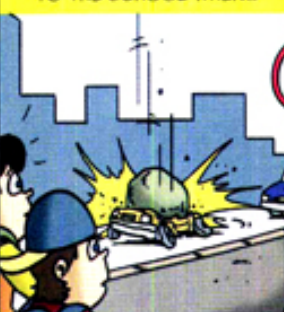


IN HIS LAB, DR. MEAN HATCHES ANOTHER PLOT TO WRECK HAVOC.



AMH MY LI' BIRDIE, YOU'LL HELP ME TAKE OVER THE WORLD.

THE BOYS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE SCHOOL WHEN...



ACK! MY CAR! YOU LITTLE "WERO"!



LOOK! THAT GIANT EAGLE'S DROPPING THE ROCKS.

NOT JUST ANY EAGLE. IT'S A ROBOTIC EAGLE.



COME ON, WE CAN TAKE IT ON.

BUT WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT IN THE SKY. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR IT TO LAND, IF IT EVER DOES.



THE BOYS EAT A LYCHEE-FLAVOURED POPPINS.

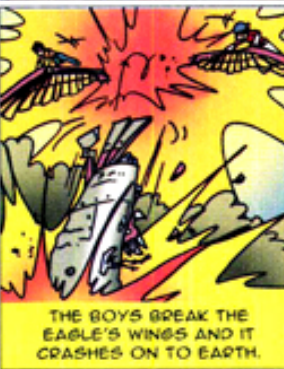
DOON KYA! FLY!

THE BOYS NOW HAVE THE POWER TO FLY. THEY TAKE TO THE SKY.



WE'LL EACH TAKE ONE WING.

I CAN TAKE BOTH IF YOU WANT.



THE BOYS BREAK THE EAGLE'S WINGS AND IT CRASHES ON TO EARTH.



BACK ON SOLID GROUND...

WELL THAT WAS EASY!

BUT SOMEONE SOMEWHERE'S MUST BE VERY ANGRY.